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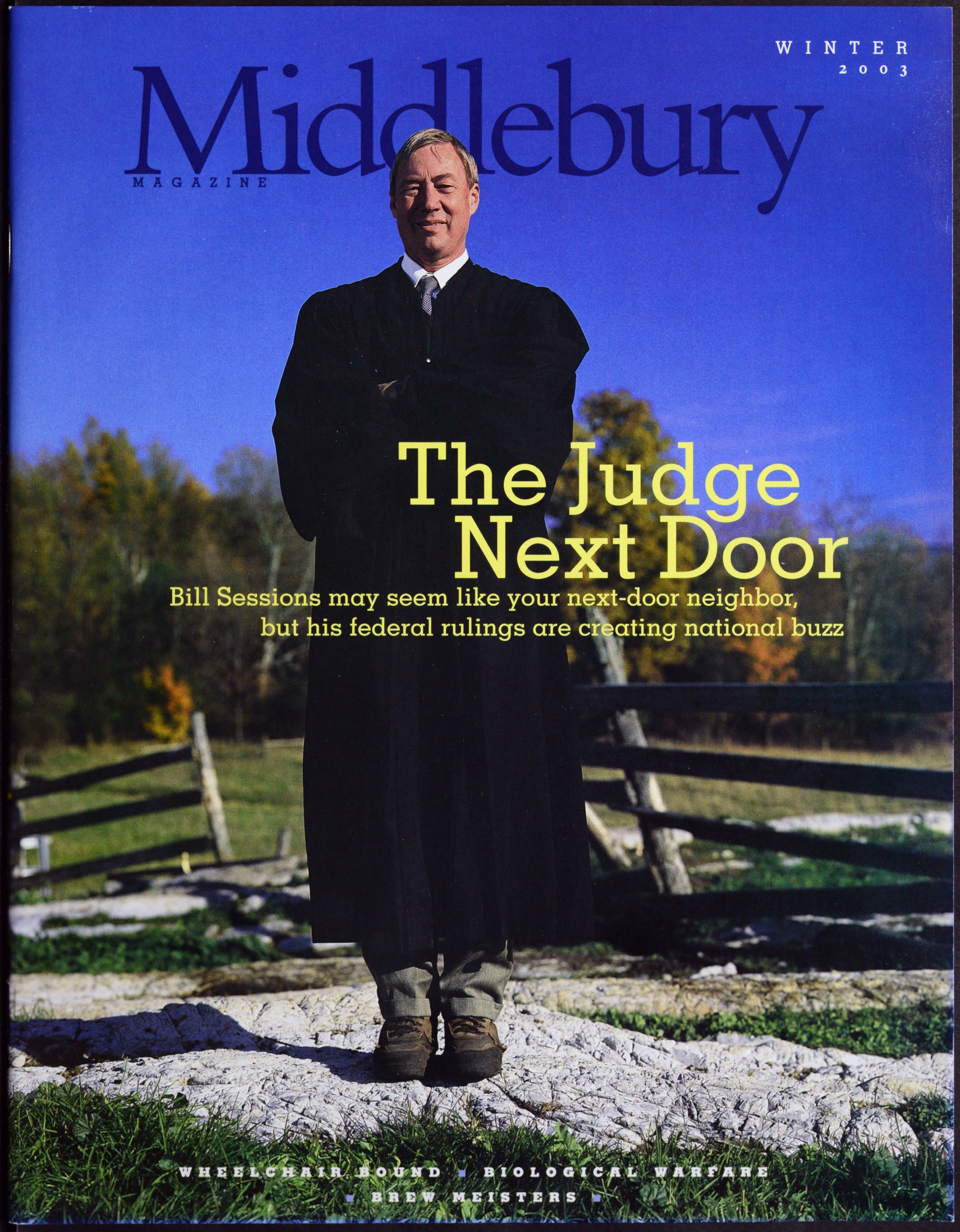

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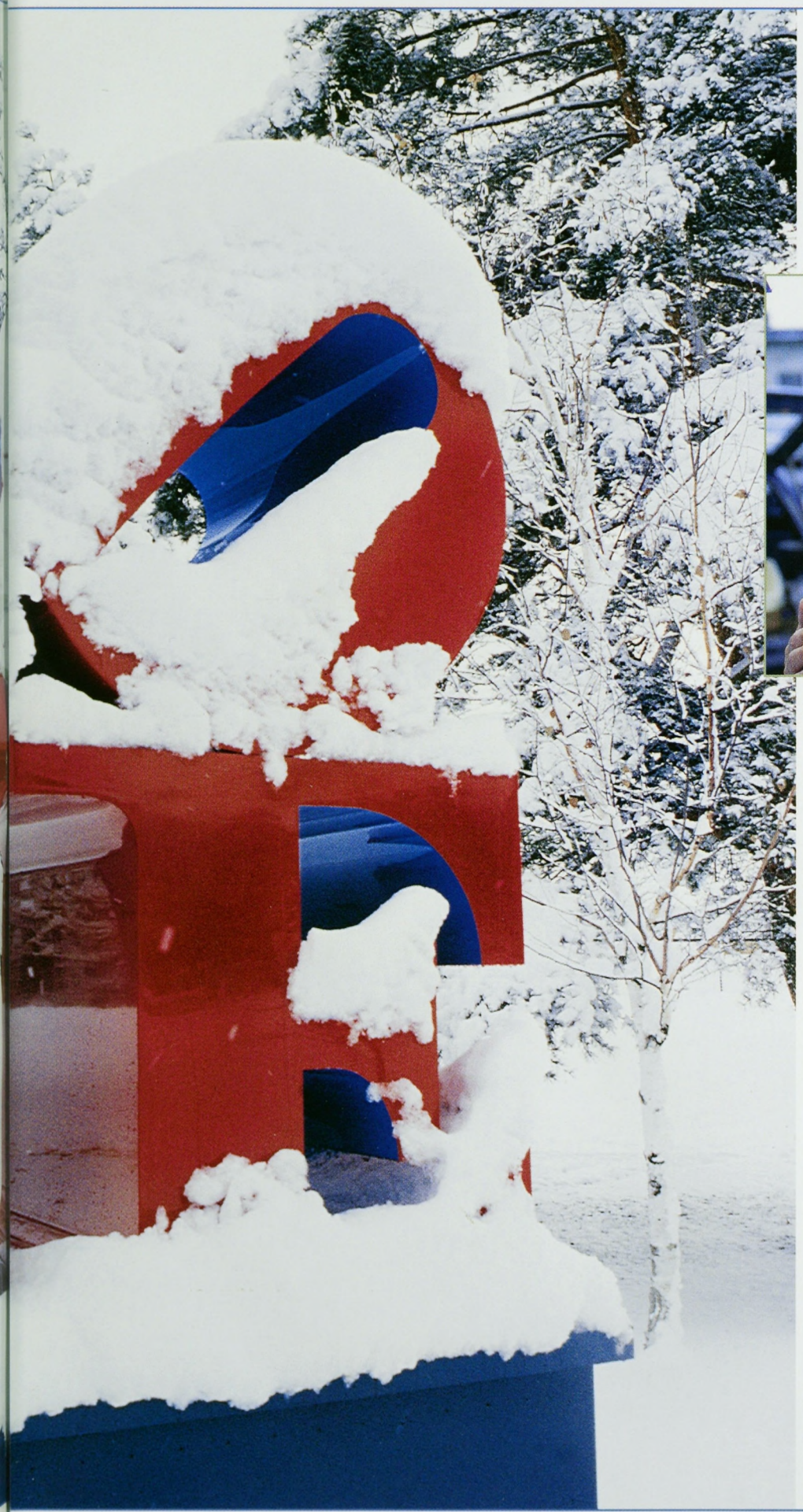

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On the Farm

Prosecutors, defenders, goats, and hens are all a part of the life of Judge William K. Sessions III

Bill Sessions '69 finally balked when he was asked to consider posing in his judicial robes in front of a henhouse while holding a pitchfork, *American Gothic*-style. Neither the locale nor the attire was objectionable to the federal judge, but the accessory—the pitchfork—seemed to be stretching the bounds of judicial taste, and he respectfully, but firmly, ruled against it.

Pitchfork aside, Sessions was more than cooperative during a two-hour photo shoot that involved trooping around his daughter's Leicester farm in hiking boots and billowing black robes, while being trailed by a herd of goats that were more than happy to nip and tug at the judge's get-up whenever he posed for a shot.

He beamed when his granddaughter Livia was handed to him, and he laughed boisterously at my uncertain entreaties of "Nice goat," as the eager kids curiously nibbled on the legs of my pants. Sessions even nervously agreed to stand for a series of shots in front of the aforementioned henhouse, home to a very loud and aggressive (and possibly vengeful) rooster, who, according to the judge, may hold a grudge over an unfortunate run-in Sessions had with a former rooster resident last summer.

As an Addison County defense attorney, Sessions never gave much thought to being a judge. He loved his work, especially his cases as a public defender; so when good friend Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) recommended the Cornwall resident to President Bill Clinton to fill a federal seat in Vermont, Sessions was somewhat hesitant. "My initial reaction was 'Why would I want to do that?'" Sessions told writer Sally West Johnson '72. His job as a defense attorney offered complete autonomy—and relative anonymity. Giving that up would not only signal a career change, but a lifestyle change as well. Of course, he relented and hasn't second-guessed his decision, telling Johnson his current post is the "best job in the world."

Since declaring the federal death penalty unconstitutional in a landmark ruling last summer, Sessions has seen his national profile skyrocket. Editorials in the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* praised his decision—"and NPR's Nina Totenberg called me the other day," Sessions exclaimed during a break in the photo shoot. "Nina Totenberg!"

It's no wonder that the attention still surprises and flatters Sessions. After all that has changed, he's still the same guy who leads the traditional New Year's hike up Mount Abe, who lives in the same restored farmhouse in Cornwall, who's a fixture at the seasonal Middlebury farmers' market (only now he's at work, selling the goat cheese made on his daughter's farm). He's just a normal fellow, he insisted between clicks of the shutter, while goats milled around his legs and poked their noses in the folds of his robes. As if on cue, one of the more precocious kids bleated her approval.—*MJ*

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Double Take

Recently I saw a copy of the fall 2002 issue of *Middlebury Magazine,* with the picture of Frank Goss, (reading a letter in front of Hastings Store in West Danville, Vermont), on the back cover. It might interest you to know that Frank Goss's granddaughter, Hazel Hoxie Greaves, is a 1954 graduate of Middlebury College.

Jane Hastings Larrabee
Third-generation owner of Hastings Store
West Danville, Vermont

Cheers for Cheerleading

How timely to run the cheerleading column in the fall 2002 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* ("Bring it On") to coincide with the picture of the new Ross Commons Dining Hall. It might convey to the current undergraduates the essence of the late dean of women, Eleanor S. Ross. If the Commons diners sit a little straighter, have proper table manners, it's the ghost of Dean Ross, that tiny tyrant, overseeing her namesake domain . . . and proud of the honor. I'd like to identify the pioneering squad pictured in the fall issue: (*left to right*) myself, Captain Elliot A. ("Eb") Baines '43, Jean Crawford McKee '46, Ann Curry Munier '46, Hugh M. Taft '44, James B. Nourse '43, Vava Stafford Brown '46, Joseph H. ("Mike") Mann '45.

Dottie Laux O'Brien '45
Manchester Village, Vermont

The Men's Version

I just received the fall 2002 *Middlebury Magazine* and read with interest the article by Dottie Laux O'Brien '45 on cheerleading back in the early 1940s.

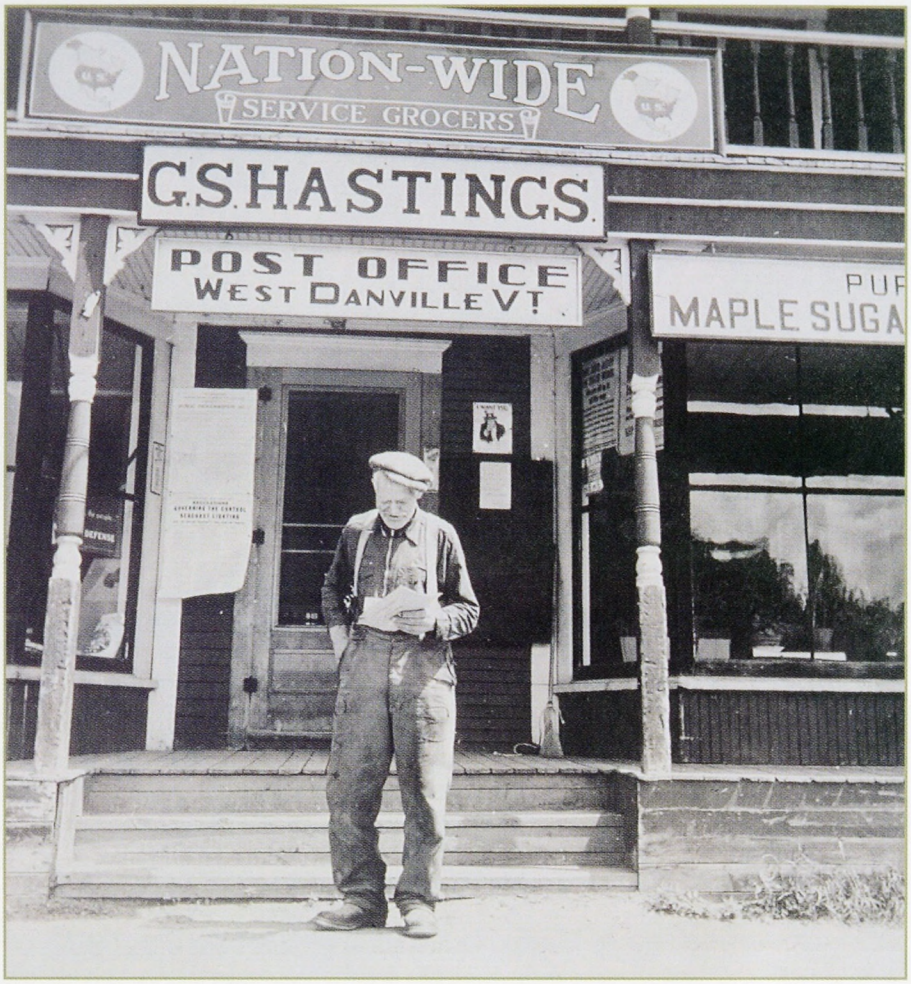
I, also, have a story to tell. In 1942, I was sort of the head cheerleader, and called for a practice in the old McCullough gym. I walked into the gym with about six to seven men; about 30 to 40 coeds were already there. I told them we had the gym reserved for cheerleading practice. The women said they wanted to be cheerleaders. I informed them no women cheerleaders were allowed at Midd.

To make a long story short, I, too, went to see Dean Ross, like Dottie and Jean Crawford. She finally relented with three stipulations: skirts to the knees, socks to the knees, and no cartwheels!

By looking at the picture, you can tell the ladies did not exactly adhere to her instructions: skirts were just above the knees; socks were ankle length; but, one thing we did obey, no cartwheels!

Dottie is also correct in another thought. In 1944–45, I was in Burma (now Myanmar) lobbing 81 mm mortar shells at the Japanese. Only trouble was, they were lobbing their shells back at us.

Joseph H. (Mike) Mann, Jr. '45
Slingerlands, New York



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WHAT WE DIDN'T KNOW
The third-generation owner of Hastings General Store identifies this man, Frank Goss, as the grandfather of a Midd alum: Hazel Hoxie Greaves '54.

Knew Her When

Thanks for the article on Julia Bergofsky '02 ("Wonder Woman," fall 2002). She comes across as an impressive and disciplined athlete and person. I also came to Midd from Phillips Exeter ('80). I was coached by Julia's father, Eric, for the first couple years of his long tenure as the boys' varsity lacrosse coach at the academy. Julia attended my games in a baby stroller. I don't remember her "catching anything that anyone might throw at her," but she might have! I have not met her since then; it's just one of those startling moments when I realized how much time has gone by.

Joseph (Maruca) Cook '84
Arlington, Massachusetts

Walking Our Talk

A column in your fall issue described the mission of our Alumni Association, emphasizing its roles in communicating alumni opinion to the College, providing "guidance" on major issues, and awarding alumni for "achievement in their field." As if to underscore this message (but unmen-

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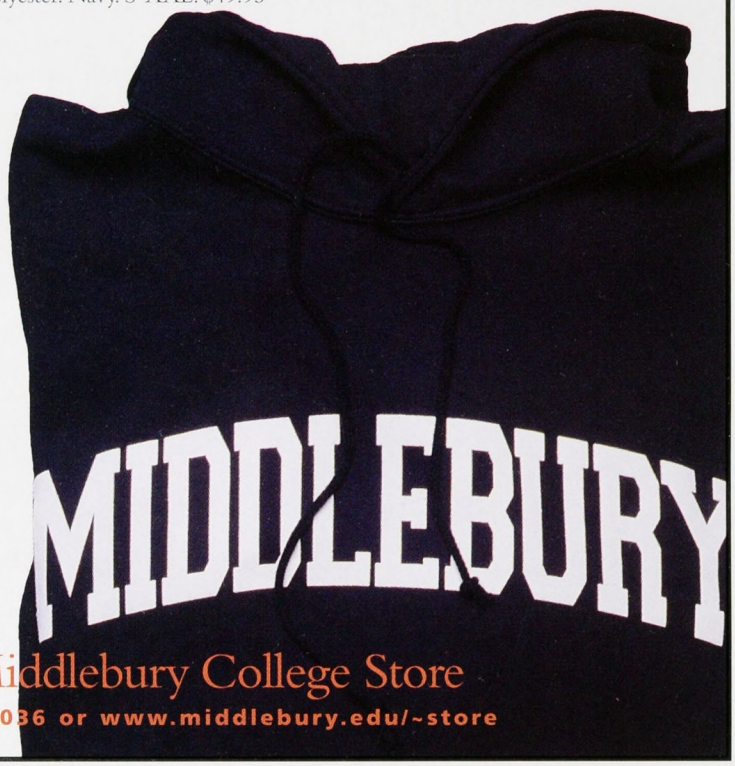

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tioned in the column), the association had just concluded what turned out to be a highly controversial move during Alumni Weekend, inviting Ari Fleischer '82 to speak and receive an achievement award. President McCardell himself presented the award, which states that Fleischer has achieved the "pinnacle" of the "profession" of "political spokesperson." A pinnacle indeed.

When this magazine featured Fleischer a year ago, it sparked a passionate outpouring of 13 letters (pro and con) over the next three issues. This time, the attempt to showcase Fleischer sparked an outpouring of angry protest: He and McCardell were loudly booed and interrupted inside Mead Chapel, while about a thousand demonstrators—students, faculty, war veterans, and others—chanted and sang outside. The *Campus* newspaper reported that "[s]tudents, staff and faculty left . . . polarized by the fracas." A discomfited McCardell said he'd seen nothing like it since the 1980s' apartheid demonstrations and cautioned that "courtesy begets courtesy, disrespect begets disrespect." Robert Jones '59, a College trustee, was sufficiently distressed to contribute a *Campus* opinion piece urging protesting students to "respect other students as much as the alumni do," suggesting they be guided by Gandhi's "respectful" example.

Well, here's one alumnus who is solidly in the protesters' camp, and who urges alumni to honor and respect them as much as he does. Fleischer is unimportant: If you like Bush and his notion of perpetual military "dominance," you'll find Ari reassuring; if not, you'll find him an annoying circus barker beckoning all into the Tent of One Voice. The important thing is that the Alumni Association's divisive gaffe woke a lot of people up: Persons on both sides of the Iraq issue were ruffled and bestirred, and many decided to walk their talk. That is *exactly* what McCardell called for in his excellent millennial commencement address, a takeoff on the College motto, *scientia et virtus.* We've too much, he said in essence, of the former (knowledge), and not enough of the latter (guts).

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and-death issues, consistently broke laws and urged his followers to do likewise. Martin Luther King did as well. Both went to jail for their *virtus* and both died for it. War and violence are not courteous or respectful. In confronting them, one college president's or trustee's lack of civility is another's civil disobedience. What McCardell might also have said, on that Sabbath evening in a house of worship, is that "violence begets violence," and that "those who live by the sword, die by it."

What he might have done was to point over the heads of the multitude to the dark recesses of the chapel balcony, where the names of Middlebury's 88 fallen soldiers are inscribed, and ask the congregation to ponder for a moment how each of them might feel about this latest executive's urge to start a war, were they still alive. All of them died uncourteous deaths; all wore their *virtus* on their sleeves.

However each of us comes out on all this, I thank President McCardell for urging us to have the guts to act, and the Alumni Association for having the guts to rub Fleischer in our faces. But I especially thank those who had the guts to unfurl banners of peace in a chapel, or wait in the dreary rain outside, to speak truth to power, however riling that truth may be.

Mike Heaney '64
Madison, Connecticut

Heaney is a wounded combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who has been active in disabled veterans affairs. He helped organize Middlebury's all-veteran reunion in 2000 and will participate again in next year's Midd Vét Reunion 2003.

Indefensible Early Admissions

John M. McCardell's defense of the binding early admissions policy at Middlebury ("Choosing Early, Choosing Well," fall 2002) comes across as disingenuous, because he omits what's really in it for the College beyond the platitudes about getting highly motivated students to attend. From an administrative point of view, E.D. is a numbers racket that pays off lavishly by boosting Middlebury's selectivity and yield, in one fell swoop. All adminis-

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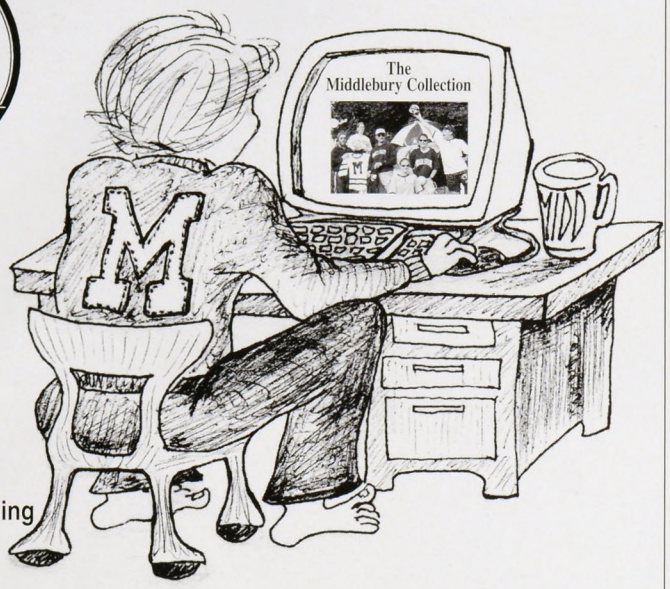

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Walt Gardner '57
Los Angeles, California

Thumbs Up for Early Decision

I was pleased to open the fall *Middlebury Magazine* and read President McCardell's wonderful column, "Choosing Early, Choosing Well." As parents of an early decision candidate in 2001, we strongly support the process. Our anxiety level was relieved after our son's visit to Middlebury that summer. Alex visited seven colleges and finished the college tour at Middlebury. He felt confident that this was the college for him, a decision we supported. I will always remember December 15, 2001, the day we learned Alex was accepted at Middlebury. Does this process work? As a parent I give the early decision process two thumbs up! I am glad President McCardell endorses it, too.

Anne Demas P'05
Norwich, Vermont

Calling All Firefighters

Last October, I was fortunate enough to go to New York City to be part of the 50,000+ firefighters who had traveled from around the world to honor our fallen brothers and sisters in a memorial ceremony for the FDNY. Last summer, you published an article about the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association ("To the Rescue," summer 2002) and, later, excellent letters in response to that article. One writer in particular grabbed my

attention: Ketchum Fire Captain Miles Canfield '92. It raised the question: How many Midd grads or current students are in the fire service? My own evolution into the fire service is kind of odd. After Midd, I spent four years teaching and then went into the California Department of Forestry to fight wildland fires in the summer to make money for graduate school. I fell in love with the profession. I have yet to finish grad school but have three fire seasons under my belt, plus almost three years now as a professional firefighter in the Seattle area. Are there others out there with similar stories? Are there others who received a white-collar education and now belong to their local firefighters union? I'd love to find out who they are. Maybe it beckons for our own little online community.

Andrew T. Bozzo '94
Kent Fire Department, Seattle-metro area

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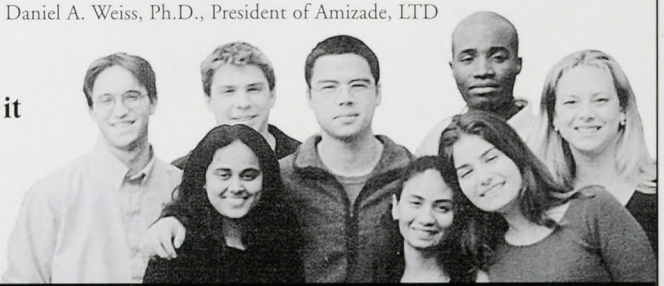

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Bush's press secretary should not be mistaken for distinction as a Middlebury alumnus, in my view, made by letter writers in the magazine's fall issue, by the magazine's editors who featured him and President Bush on the cover of the winter 2002 issue, and by the Alumni Association for honoring him as a 2002 distinguished alumnus.

Capable as he is at one of the toughest jobs in Washington, his serving a president who is demonstrably and callously wrong on many domestic issues and dangerously wrong in his determination to wage an unprovoked war with Iraq brings no credit to the College.

In the context of these critical times, I draw my fellow alums' attention to a truly distinguished Middlebury alumnus: Felix Rohatyn '49 has been a governor of the N.Y.S.E., chairman of the N.Y. Municipal Authority, and U.S. ambassador to France. His exceptionally well-informed and trenchant analysis of our country's present economic and international problems is a lesson and challenge to the nation—and can be read in the November 21, 2002, issue of the *New York Review of Books*.

Pete MacDonald '50
Washington, D.C.

Shocked by Bi Hall's Size

I just finished reading the article on Bicentennial Hall in the fall 2002 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* ("Science Fare"), and felt that I must submit a few comments. The article describes with great enthusiasm the quality work space for science students that the building provides. Having never been inside of it, I have no

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reason to doubt that Bicentennial Hall is indeed a state-of-the-art facility, superior to the science building it replaces. It is the exterior of the building, and its visual impact on the Middlebury campus, that I have a problem with.

Since graduating more than 25 years ago, I have visited the campus maybe five times, and for all but the most recent visit, the overall look and feel of the campus had not changed much from when I was a student. I last visited about two years ago, after Bicentennial Hall was built. I had seen photos of it in the magazine, but was shocked at the overwhelming size of the building when approaching Middlebury from the west. It seems totally out of place and out of proportion to the existing buildings, especially perched on the ridge at the west edge of the campus, where it appears to dominate the landscape. I believe that the building is out of character, mostly because of its huge size, with the rural, small-town feel that Middlebury has always been known for. It seems to me that the equivalent class and research space could have been provided in a building or buildings that fit in better with the existing campus. At a minimum the building would have been better placed further down the hill where visual impact would have been less.

The author also reports with enthusiasm that the previous science building, which was finished in 1969 (I think), was "demolished and recycled." Although the modern style of the building was not something that I found terribly attractive, I did attend many classes in the building when it was practically new, and do not recall that it was all that bad a facility. A point to remember is that if all campus buildings had been torn down when they became slightly out of date or out of style, the classic buildings of Old Stone Row would have been long gone before Middlebury College reached its 100th year, let alone its 200th.

Mark Jennings '74
Valley Falls, Kansas

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Uphill Downhill

Comeback Kids The Middlebury golf team captured the NESCAC crown in dramatic fashion. Page 15. Photograph by Bob Handelman.

Restricted Access

YOUR PERSPECTIVE CHANGES when you view the world from a seated position. Objects that are designed and engineered for "eye-level" accessibility hover out of reach; people look past you, *over* you. It's as if you are not even there, but you are, in a wheelchair, struggling to do things you normally would take for granted.

The week before Thanksgiving was Accessibility Awareness Week at Middlebury College. Students, faculty, and staff had the opportunity to view a world designed for walking, upright individuals, and it was an eye-opening experience.

"If you ever want a challenge, try to hold the bar attached to the wall in a handicapped stall and physically lift and swing yourself onto the toilet without using your legs," Todd Falcone '03 wrote in the *Campus*. "I also noticed that the view at the sink was very different. I could barely reach the faucet, and I don't think I had ever seen that part of the mirror before."

Designed and organized by biology professor David Parfitt's class on neural disorders, Accessibility Awareness Week demonstrated to the community that being confined to a wheelchair has an impact far more extensive than the hindrances of stairs and raised curbs (though this, too, was enlightening). With 20 wheelchairs on loan or rented from Yankee Medical and the Medicine Chest, many people signed up to spend a day confined to one, and quickly learned how restricted life can be.

Lines formed at elevator bays and outside bathrooms, and participants struggled up inclines and relied on help in navigating dining halls or crossing the street.

"Middlebury is not as accessible as some may think it is, or even perhaps as accessible as it should be," says Chris Richards '04, an event organizer. "You just don't realize that until you trade your legs for a pair of wheels. We hope that everyone came away from this experience with a little more respect for the struggles faced by handicapped students at Middlebury."

At the end of the day, however, the wheelchair-bound volunteers were able to stand, stretch, and walk away. Enlightened, yes, but still encumbered, no. Sarah Le Feber '03 isn't so lucky. A paraplegic, Le Feber's life consists of the hurdles experienced by those who struggled for only a few hours. Far from feeling bitter, however, she applauds the effort put forth by the community.

"It's great that people want to learn about accessibility," she said. "It's important to raise awareness about what we have to go through on a daily basis."

ROAD BLOCK
Stairs take on new meaning for event organizers Kirsten Thomas '04, Chris Richards '04 and Katherine Stamper '04 (*left to right*).

PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL SIPE

Quote/Unquote

"Yours is backwards. You might want to fix that one."

—White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer '82, responding to student protesters who unfurled banners from the balcony of Mead Chapel during Fleischer's speech, "The Presidency and the Press," on October 13.

Best-Sellers

UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE, New York nannies, The Dead, and a healthy dose of Vermont populate the list of best-selling books in the College bookstore during the fall semester.

{1}
Reading the Mountains of Home by John Elder (faculty author)

{2}
In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez '71 (faculty author)

{3}
The Nanny Diaries by Emma McLaughlin

{4}
A Long Strange Trip: The Inside Story of the Grateful Dead by Dennis McNally

{5}
Robert Frost: A Life by Jay Parini (faculty author)

{6}
Stranger in the Woods by Carl Sams and Jean Stoick

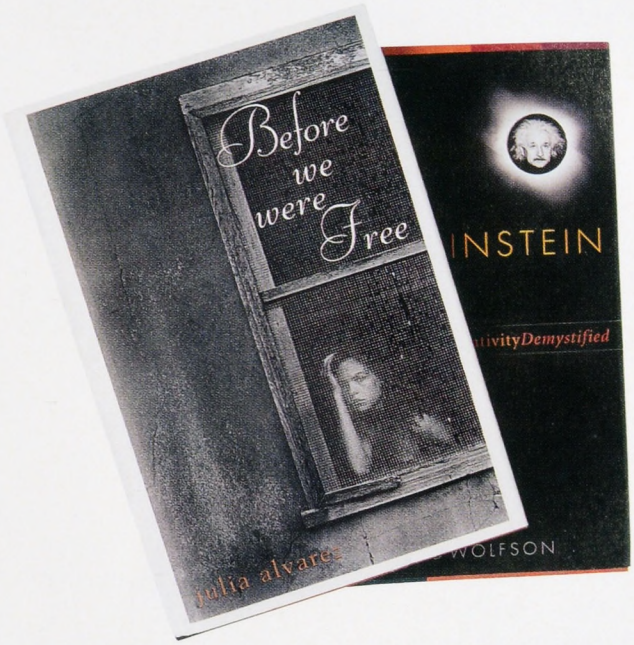
{7}
Theodore Rex by Edmund Morris

{8}
Counting Cows by Woody Jackson '70

{9}
The Beauty of Vermont by the editors of *Vermont Life*

{10}
Long Trail Guide by Green Mountain Club

Source: Middlebury College Bookstore



Faculty Shelf

JULIA ALVAREZ '71 has written yet another intriguing novel about life in the Dominican Republic during the dictatorship of General Trujillo. *Before We Were Free* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2002) is her first novel for young adult readers and tells the story about a young girl's flight to freedom and personal awakening.

RICH WOLFSON's ability to make the incomprehensible understandable and fun is in full form in his book *Simply Einstein: Relativity Demystified* (W.W. Norton, 2003). The professor of physics tells in lively fashion why someone traveling at the speed of light would age barely at all, compared to his friends back home; whether space is curved; how gravity works; whether the universe is expanding or contracting; and many other conundrums for inquiring minds.

Past Tense: February 1884

"The freshmen had a class supper in Vergennes a short time since. The sophomores were intending to be present, and furnish music at the banquet, but in some way got on the wrong train and went to Leicester. The freshmen feel better over the mistake than the sophs." *—The College on the Hill, David Haward Bain*

Green with Envy

WE MAY HAVE LOST A TOUGH GAME to Williams on the gridiron this year, but hey, at least we recaptured the Green Chicken.

Held each fall on the morning of the Middlebury-Williams football game, the Green Chicken Competition is a rigorous math examination, in which test takers from Williams and Middlebury compete for bragging rights—and a pea-green ceramic casserole dish shaped like a chicken. This year, 70 students from the two schools attempted to answer questions, such as "prove that for $n \geq 6$, an equilateral triangle can be dissected into n equilateral triangles." The top four scores from each college were then totaled to determine the winner, with Middlebury besting Williams, 160-117.

Once a wedding present given to the sister of Middlebury math professor Bob Martin, the Green Chicken has spent the past 25 years being coveted by 18- to 22-year-olds; sadly, it has the battle scars (repaired cracks) to show for it. Still, the Green Chicken weathers on and, for at least the next year, it will reside in a comfortable roost in the hills of Vermont.

Go Figure

650,000
Gallons of water it takes to fill the Middlebury pool

12,500
Gallons of water it takes to make the ice in Kenyon Arena

125
Gallons of milk consumed in Proctor daily

1,091
Gallons of paint used by the College annually

240
Gallons of soup served at the Grille in January

—Compiled by Lindsey Whitton '05

Newsmakers

Roll Models

KATIE '03 AND LIZZIE '05 HOESCHLER are still at it. The logrolling sisters ("Log Rhythm," winter 2002) from Wisconsin made their network debut on October 28, when NBC's *Today* show aired a segment on the siblings' unique talent. After being tipped off by a friend who had read about the women in this magazine, NBC feature correspondent Mike Leonard spent a day and a half on campus, capturing both life at Midd and the campus role (pun intended) played by these world-class competitors. Katie's and Lizzie's exploits have garnered such attention at the College that their logrolling class is now a student favorite.

Viva!

SHARING A KENNEDY CENTER STAGE with international recording star Ricky Martin and Olympic silver medalist Derek Parra (speed skating), best-selling author and College Writer-in-Residence JULIA ALVAREZ '71 received one of five Hispanic Heritage Awards presented by the Hispanic Heritage Awards Foundation on September 20, 2002.

Recognized for her "resonance and explication of the complex Caribbean immigrant experience," Alvarez was selected by previous honorees and members of the HHAF board of directors.

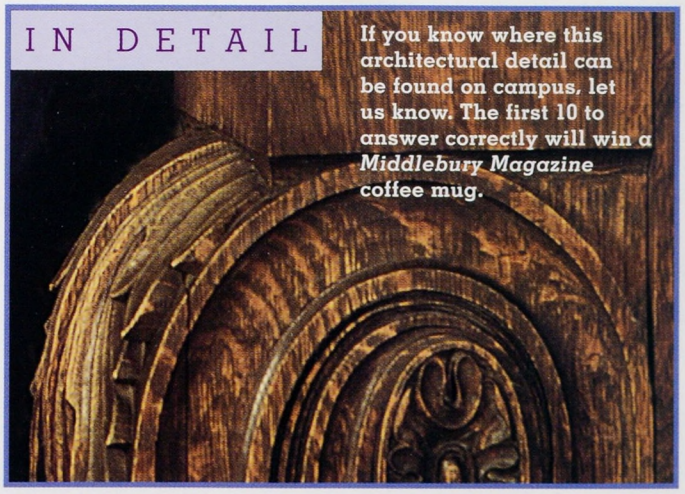
Diplomatic Recognition

FELIX ROHATYN '49, United States ambassador to France from 1997 to 2000, was on hand October 12 for the renaming of the College's Center for International Affairs as the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs.

In honor of the occasion, the previous evening Rohatyn delivered a talk entitled "American Democracy: Freedom, Fairness, and Wealth," in which he addressed a bevy of current events, ranging from potential war with Iraq to the recent spate of corporate scandals.

The center was renamed in honor of a $1 million gift from the Felix and Elizabeth Rohatyn Foundation. The gift also created an endowment to support the center's lectures, symposia, executive-in-residence program, and international colloquia.

IN DETAIL



If you know where this architectural detail can be found on campus, let us know. The first 10 to answer correctly will win a *Middlebury Magazine* coffee mug.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY TAD MERRICK AND BOB HANDELMAN

Par Excellence

COULD THIS BE A DYNASTY IN THE MAKING? For the second time in four years, the Panther golf team captured the 2002 NESCAC title, doing so in dramatic fashion. Trailing Tufts by nine strokes after Day One of the conference tournament at Ralph Myhre Golf Course, Middlebury came roaring back on Day Two, shooting a 301 for the day, and a tournament winning 613—besting defending champion Williams by one stroke. Tufts finished in third place, four shots off the pace.

BRAD TUFTS '03 AND DAMON GACICIA '03 shot a 72 and a 74, respectively, on the second day of competition to lead the Panthers. Both were named first-team All-Conference. **RYAN SIMPER '03** was named to the second team.

One month after capturing the NESCAC crown, Midd placed second among Division III teams and eighth overall at the 2002 New England championships. Brad Tufts was the Division III medalist, shooting a 72 and 78 for a two-day total of 150 at the par 72 course in Brewster, Massachusetts.

For the Record

ONE USUALLY DOESN'T MEASURE FOOTBALL STATISTICS IN MILES. Cross country? Yes. Matters relating to the pigskin? Not necessarily. Then again, most anyone would tell you that **DENVER SMITH '03** isn't your "usual" athlete. One of the more animated and dynamic players ever to wear the blue and white, Smith (son of longtime Panther baseball coach Bob Smith) will graduate with virtually every receiving record in Middlebury history. After setting season milestones for receptions (59) and yards (876) in 2001, Smith became the College's all-time leading receiver when he caught a ten-yard pass in the first quarter of the 2002 season finale against Tufts (A 31–6 Panther win). With the catch, Smith broke A.J. Husband's ('99) mark of 1,621 from 1995–98. Smith finished the day with 143 receiving yards, establishing a new Panther record for receiving yards in a career: 1,760. Which happens to convert to exactly one mile.

Not to be outdone by his football-playing friend and classmate, men's soccer standout **KYLE DEZOTELL '03** broke a pair of 42-year-old records this season when he became Middlebury's all-time career goal scorer and all-time career points leader. His 34 goals top the mark of 32 set by Tor Hultgreen '61 from 1957–60. Dezotell concludes his stellar career with 89 points, surpassing Hultgreen's mark of 78. Completing the trifecta, Dezotell holds the Panther's career assist mark as well, tallying 22 assists during his four-year career.

Simply the Best

SHE'S DONE IT AGAIN. For the fourth consecutive year, **MEG BONNEY '03** was named first-team All-NESCAC for women's soccer. The 1999 conference freshman of the year and 2000 player of the year, graduates from Middlebury as the College's all-time leader in goals (53) and points (119).

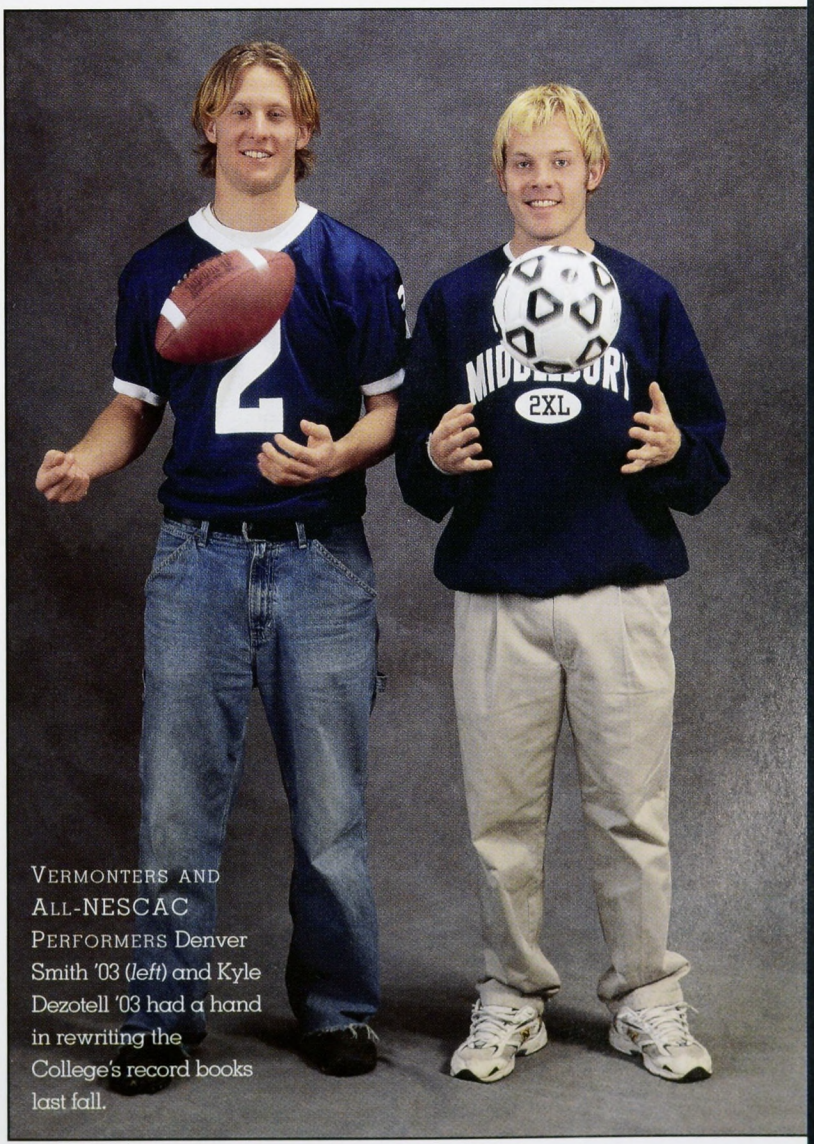
Need a Lift?

$71
Cost of a lift ticket at Vail

$59
Cost of a lift ticket at Killington

$26
Cost of a lift ticket at the Snow Bowl

$15
Cost of a lift ticket at the Snow Bowl, circa 1980



VERMONTERS AND ALL-NESCAC PERFORMERS Denver Smith '03 (*left*) and Kyle Dezotell '03 had a hand in rewriting the College's record books last fall.

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

Undaunted Courage

Faced with everyone's nightmare, Tom Cleaver refuses to live in fear.

By Matt Jennings

He knew something was wrong over the summer when he wasn't able to finish any of his workouts. That had never happened before. Not in high school when he set all kinds of passing records as an all-county quarterback at Severn, and certainly not since making the transition to wide receiver after his freshman season at Middlebury.

When he got to campus for preseason workouts in August, things only got worse. The smallest effort left him exhausted, he looked awful in practice, and then he started to get blurry vision in his left eye. A trip to the doctor led to the diagnosis of an eye hemorrhage, but what really set off alarm bells was a routine blood test that showed an extremely elevated white-blood-cell count. An MRI didn't turn up anything, but a bone marrow biopsy did. Tom Cleaver '04 had cancer.

It's been nearly 18 months since that diagnosis, and Cleaver couldn't look healthier. He devours a chicken Caesar salad in the Grille and patiently answers questions about his health and football and school—basically his entire life. Certainly he's tired of talking about his ordeal. He's said before that he wants to be treated like everyone else, just as another student-athlete who loves playing college football. But he's not like everyone else. Everyone else doesn't have chronic myelogenous leukemia—a rare form of cancer affecting one's bone marrow. He recognizes this, and politely responds to the inevitable questions. When he's told that this story won't focus entirely on his disease, he's grateful. But it's still there. Lurking.

When the cancer was diagnosed in the fall of 2001, Cleaver returned to his father's home in Severna Park, Maryland. Almost immediately he began chemotherapy treatments at Johns Hopkins and underwent a series of blood transfusions to offset some of the ill effects of the chemo. The excruciating biopsy confined him to the couch at first, but before long he was up and about. He read constantly, watched a lot of football, and, as his energy returned, started doing projects around the house, ultimately renovating his father's basement.

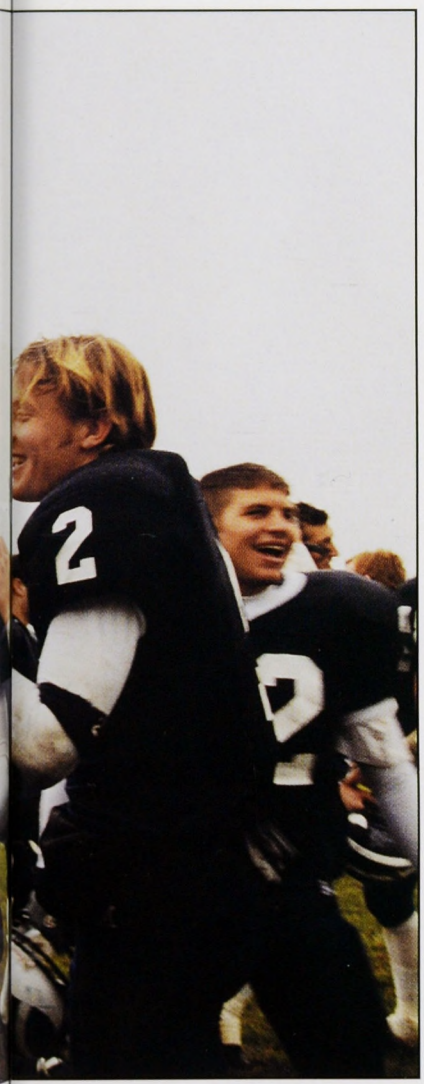
While his teammates at Middlebury struggled through an up-and-down year, Cleaver continued his treatments at Hopkins and was soon rising before dawn every morning to play in 5:30 A.M. pickup basketball games with his uncle and his uncle's friends. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he was heading in the opposite

Game Day
Tom Cleaver (#3) and Denver Smith (#2) celebrate the Panther's 28–7 homecoming win over Bates.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

direction. He even goes so far as to say: "When I was in the hospital and saw people who were in such worse shape than me, I realized how lucky I was."

He started taking a novel drug called Gleevec that slows the growth of leukemic cells, and by February, with chemo treatments completed, he was ready to return to school. Almost immediately after setting foot on campus, he trekked over to the football offices to tell his coaches he thought he would be able to play the following spring. Head coach Bobby Ritter was more than skeptical. "I was just glad to have him back, frankly," Ritter says. "Did I think he'd be able to play football again? I was less sure."



On September 21, 2002, Tom Cleaver was a wreck. Standing on the sidelines of Youngman Field before the kickoff of the season opener against Wesleyan University, Cleaver admits to being really nervous. "But, as soon as I stepped on the field, my instincts took over," he recalls with a smile. He doesn't remember at what point in the game he was first hit, but he does remember that he was hit pretty hard, "and it felt great," he says. "I jumped up off the ground, and I knew I was back." He would catch five passes that day for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

That Cleaver was back playing football at all was nothing short of miraculous, not to mention the fact that he had such a productive day on the field. However, only those who know the game—and know Cleaver—picked up on something else that made the day even more remarkable. Those five catches? They were the first of his career. The Wesleyan game was Cleaver's first as a receiver, after riding the bench as a backup quarterback his freshman year and missing all of last season to . . . you know. It's this part of the story that really makes Cleaver smile. In any case, it took all of one game for Cleaver to serve notice. He was back.

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During the season, Cleaver would submit to weekly blood tests to check his white-cell levels, and while he's not tested as frequently now, his counts are still taken. That's because the cancer is still there. While he's responded great to the Gleevec, it's not a cure. The only known cure is a bone marrow transplant, and on that front, Cleaver has run into another obstacle. Donated bone marrow must match a recipient's tissue type, and Cleaver has learned that he has rare tissue, which makes a match difficult. Even so, were a match made, Cleaver knows he would have a tough choice. While he says matter-of-factly that the transplant is the only known cure, it's not an easy road to travel. Before any transplant a patient must undergo heavy doses of chemotherapy, followed by a stay in a special medical unit to limit exposure to infections. When you feel fine, it's hard to voluntarily submit yourself to such hardship; on the other hand, if it's the only known cure, would you be willing to risk not doing so? For now it's a moot point. Which can be very scary. Because Gleevec is so new, long-term survival based only on Gleevec treatment is unknown. What is known is that without curative treatment, CML is fatal.

While he knows that the medicine could stop working any day, Cleaver doesn't let this knowledge have an adverse effect on the way he lives his life. "I want to live how I would if I didn't have cancer," he says. "Though I guess having it has helped me as a person. My outlook on life has changed in that I don't take anything for granted. But I don't dread knowing it could come back. I have nothing to fear. I couldn't live my life like that."

From January through May, he'll be living in Washington, D.C., where he'll be taking a seminar course at American University and interning on Capitol Hill through the College's Washington Semester Program. He's looking forward to spending spring in D.C., but his greatest anticipation is football season next fall. Cleaver will be the team's top returning receiver and will be expected to fill a leadership void created by the graduation of All-NESCAC wide-out Denver Smith '03. "I wouldn't say I'm as vocal as Denny, though that's not necessarily a bad thing," Cleaver chuckles.

As for Cleaver's season last fall, he started every game, caught 23 balls for 282 yards, and found the end zone five times, good for second on the team behind Smith. Not bad...for a former quarterback.

Our Town

Places everyone. The curtain is rising on Middle Ground Theater.

By Regan Eberhart

To the untrained eye, the 36 elementary-school kids are bedlam incarnate: racing up and down the Mary Hogan School gym, swatting at one another, leaping over backpacks hastily tossed on the floor. Like simmering water about to burst into boil, they are barely contained packets of energy. To a group of college kids, however, these children represent raw creativity waiting to be channeled. In 10 weeks' time, these 7- to 12-year-olds will be coaxed and loved into accomplished thespians of Middle Ground Theater—a children's theater company organized and managed by Middlebury students.

The children have been coming to Middle Ground, which meets at the school, two nights a week since early September. It's now the end of October—their final performances are three weeks away. The actors are still carrying their scripts, though many have been rolled into tubes and used as blow horns or for dueling; all are looking tattered, having been taped and retaped, and stapled again and again.

The beginning of each evening at Mary Hogan is an exercise in chaos. As children and their mentors arrive and converge, the youngsters swarm their "directors." Questions are asked, jokes are told, requests are made. Ami Formica '03 gives a small girl a piggyback ride; Dave Moan '04 is cornered by a young man with an idea; Tricia Erdmann '03 listens with a huge smile to one youngster's involved story.

The melee dies down when the Middlebury directors form a circle and place one hand over their mouths and raise the other arm in the air. The children join the circle. "I shouldn't hear talking . . . or machine-gun noises," cautions one of the directors. An enthusiastic warm-up ensues, and the children go off in groups to work on scenes from their plays.

Middle Ground Theater was founded three and a half years ago by Tim Brownell '02 and Jen Driscoll '02, as a summer camp for the children of Addison County. It was not intended to be a place where little divas would produce stellar performances, but a place where children could have fun and learn to work as an ensemble. There were no tryouts; the only requirement was an interest in acting. Middle Ground was such a hit with everyone—parents, children, and students—that it expanded by adding a fall season and has been going gangbusters ever since.

This season, a dozen Middlebury students with an interest in children and theater

Role Playing
The director is a senior, the playwright a junior, and the actor, well, she still has her baby teeth. This must be Middle Ground Theater.

Photograph by Michael Sipe

(most are theater majors or minors and many are involved in theatrical productions on campus) have volunteered for the job, but they clearly do not think of it as work. "We love it as much as the kids do," says Ben Fainstein '04, a playwright for two of the three plays in production.

"Our motto is fun, focus, and respect," says Kate Pines-Schwartz '03. "We don't stress

the performances; we're process oriented. We say to the kids, you are learning each day, and at the end, you get to show what you're learning."

The plays were written especially for the "Middle Groundlings," as the directors affectionately call the kids. "We design everything around our actors . . . and for the ages and numbers of participants we have per season," says Fainstein. The Middle Ground philosophy asserts that all actors are equally important. The plays don't have "leads" and "supporting characters"; instead, there may be 10 protagonists. "Everyone has about the same number of lines," says Fainstein, "and each character has specific traits and goals so that the actors can get an easy grasp on who they are playing."

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The third and fourth graders are working in the school foyer with Fainstein, Erdmann, Rebecca Kanengiser '05, and Audrey Laning '04 on *Life in the Carpool Lane.* It's a complex story involving money hidden in the foot of a giant guerrilla statue and a contest for the most interesting roadside attraction. Tonight, the directors are blocking a scene.

When the guilty culprits are caught, the other actors move forward, and the two guilty people sit down in front of them. Erdmann discusses the reasoning with the kids, "Let's move the jury behind, standing. This is the focal point where the eyes are drawn." When discussing another movement, she says, "You realize your son and daughter did this; what do you do?" "I grab them by the neck!" is the enthusiastic answer. "No," says Erdmann calmly, "no, but keep that spirit inside."

The children are in full wiggle and giggle, and to the casual observer, this hard work seems haphazard. But the directors keep talking, explaining, moving children about the stage area, sometimes hunkering down at pint-sized eye level: "Remember, you need to listen so you can chime in." As they complete various actions: "Your instincts are good there." "I'm really proud of you, that's a hard scene." At the end of the evening, when this group shows the rest of the Groundlings the newly blocked scene, they have all of the action down cold.

Down the hall, the youngest children are working on *The Make-Believe Bandits* with Formica, Kristen Deane '06, Alex Horn '05, and Kayte Spector '04. In the gym, the oldest are hashing out details of *Greekzooks!,* a fractured Greek myth about a race between a janitor and the fastest human. Characters Castor and Pollux have recently returned from their search for a golden pullover sweater, and Jason is a fashion photographer because it pays better than quests. Tonight, Liz Myers '04 teaches the actors to run convincingly in place, while the other actors work on their lines with Moan, Pines-Schwartz, and Amanda Knappman '04.

The final performances will contain none of the halting expression common to elementary school plays, none of the deadly pauses from missed cues. A director will stand at the base of the stage and prompt forgotten lines; after all, it's about process and fun and teamwork. There will be music and dancing and characters fainting to the floor, and much movement on and off stage. The movement is another Middle Ground trademark. "It is much easier to do something on stage than it is to simply stand and talk," explains Fainstein.

This rehearsal evening, however, the kids in the foyer are losing interest in learning blocking techniques, and bedlam is about to break out. "Who wants to play murder?" yells Laning. Howls of excitement are followed by silence as eyes close and a murderer is secretly selected. "When the murderer squeezes your hand," says Laning, "it's your moment to shine. Die the most elaborate death." Swooning bodies drop like tree limbs in an ice storm.

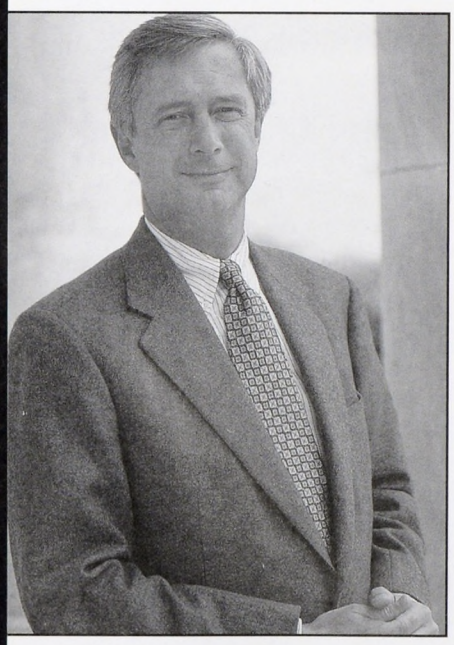
Parents arriving to pick up their children cautiously step over the corpses. "Are you enjoying this?" one parent asks Pines-Schwartz. "Yes," she answers, "we absolutely love these kids."

With that, the bodies scattered about the floor slowly stir, then rise, and, once again at critical mass, Middle Groundlings head out into the night.

State of the College

As the economy slumps, Middlebury examines its fiscal standing—and plans for the future.

By John M. McCardell, Jr.



All of us are aware that the economy over the last several years has encountered a down cycle. Middlebury College is not immune to these conditions. For example, we have seen, in the entering class this past fall, a higher percentage of students requesting, and qualifying for, financial aid than in previous years. We have also seen a decline in the value of our endowment. There is some comfort in the knowledge that we were able, and will continue to be able, to remain need-blind in admissions and to meet the full need of students on financial aid, and there is also comfort in knowing that, in spite of a -5.7 percent rate of return on the endowment for the 12 months ending June 30, 2002, that decline was less steep than was the case at other institutions. In addition, the current year's budget remains balanced. This achievement is due in part to the discipline and cooperation exhibited during last year's budget process and in part to a decision made by the administration to use funds that had been set aside in previous years, thus giving us a cushion in the current year. But because our endowment spending rate is based upon the average value of the endowment over 12 quarters, it will take three years for last year's decline to work its way through the system. In other words, for the next two years, we will be less able to rely on our endowment for revenue than we might have hoped or than has been the case for much of the past decade.

In creating a budget for the fiscal year 2003-04, we must make projections using a set of assumptions that we hope will prove accurate. Some of these assumptions, which will affect our income, are still unknown. These include the size of the comprehensive fee, which the board will not set until February; total giving for budgeted projects and programs, which will not be known until June 30; and endowment performance between now and June 30 (we are currently projecting a zero percent rate of return). Given the state of the economy, we must be conservative in setting these assumptions. We know that some relief will again be provided by funds prudently set aside in previous years, when excellent endowment returns generated funds that were higher than budgeted estimates. Also, for the past two years, and for the next several years, the Board of Trustees, acknowledging the College's ambitious agenda and the need to take the long view, has permitted the degree to which we rely on endowment income to support annual operations to exceed the customary spend rate of 5 percent. This year and next, that rate will be 6.5 percent, and in 2004–05 a spend rate of 7.1 percent will be permitted. The board then expects the rate to return gradually to its normal 5 percent by the 2008–09 fiscal year.

Quite a few institutions are cutting budgets dramatically and laying off staff. Middlebury will closely scrutinize vacant nonfaculty positions and even more closely scrutinize requests for new nonfaculty positions. We will also try to effect savings by postponing, where possible, the filling of vacancies. Finally, raises will quite probably be modest next year, but competitive compensation for faculty and staff remains a College priority.

As a result of these measures, layoffs are NOT, and will not be, part of our planning and budgeting for 2003–04. Thus, our ability to balance our budget has everything to

do with our ability to control costs in every other area of our operations.

I also want to address what I know is a concern on campus, and that is our decision to proceed with the library and Atwater projects. Construction costs of major building projects are covered outside the annual operating budget. Debt service must be paid, now that the funds have been borrowed, whether we construct or not. It is just like your own mortgage from the bank. Once your loan is approved and you receive your money, you must pay your mortgage monthly whether you begin to construct immediately or postpone construction. The difference is that the College is not paying its mortgage out of its operating budget. We finance debt—and have financed debt for a long time—by setting aside endowment monies in a separate fund to cover our debt payments. Thus, next year's operating budget will not be affected whether we build or do not build the library, the residence halls, or the dining hall.

Once a building is completed, however, it does incur operating costs. In the fall of 2004, the library and Atwater projects will come on line, and at that time the College's operating budget will be affected.

We are taking the following steps to minimize the impact. First, economies effected now will have an ongoing impact in future years. Second, although we recently completed a major capital campaign, the College's fund-raising efforts will be just as vigorous as they were during the campaign. Indeed, we have a $10 million challenge that, if successful, will bring $40 million in gifts into the College within the next three years, giving us a great start toward meeting our giving targets over that period. I have adjusted my own schedule to ensure that our fund-raising for the major projects and for financial aid has my full attention and energy. Third, there is every expectation that the endowment will, over the long run, maintain its historic rate of return and thus resume supporting the operating budget at levels that will enable us to pursue and achieve the College's major goals.

This last point is important—we must make decisions this year that will have a positive effect on the operating budget over the long term. That is why the projects approved by the board in February are going forward. Future projects will depend on the economy. But we believe there is less risk in proceeding than there would be in delaying or halting projects now under way. We cannot compromise the future in order to get through a difficult present. That is why the degree to which we rely on endowment income in any given year or years cannot go up beyond a certain point, yet the future is why we must continue with the projects.

Renovation projects—including the upgrading of classrooms and offices and maintaining the physical integrity of our buildings and grounds—are financed independently of borrowed funds and of the operating budget. The College sets aside funds each year ($6.8 million this past year) to ensure we will not face the deferred maintenance that can accrue to college campuses and prevent the modernization of teaching and living facilities. We spend approximately $3.5 million on yearly renovation projects and facilities upgrades, and we will continue to make an annual provision for maintenance and modernization so as to meet our educational goals.

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Finally, it is important to remind ourselves that we are all in this together. Just before I became president in 1991, we faced similar challenges caused by a national economic recession. The College chose an exceptionally conservative path to meeting the economic challenges of the day, but we eventually balanced the budget as the economy turned, and we enjoyed seven years of unparalleled economic growth. Those here in 1991 might recall the effects of the approach we followed—deep budget cuts, layoffs, and the postponement of planned initiatives. I believe we can overcome this latest economic downturn in a way that is less disruptive of, and far less threatening to, our mission or our morale, while maintaining the College's momentum until the current storm passes, as surely it will. But in order for this approach to work, everyone must help. All will bear some of the burden. No office or sector is exempt.

Our success will be measured in two ways: One is the degree to which the quality of our educational program not only is not compromised, but does not appear to be—even as we live within a balanced operating budget. The second is our commitment to people, which is a special characteristic of this College, and which I here reaffirm: to students (through need-blind admissions and meeting full demonstrated need), to faculty, and to staff.

Although we can often feel physically isolated in the Champlain Valley, we are not insulated from national or global economic cycles. This too shall pass. Let us all work together, in the best spirit of Middlebury College, to get ourselves through and beyond the present difficulties to the other side, where—when the gloom lifts—we shall find our hopes and dreams still present, still beckoning, and less distant than we had supposed.

President McCardell's column in this issue is an abridged version of a memorandum on the current state of the College's finances sent to faculty and staff in November 2002.

The Critic

Dim the lights and grab a seat on the couch. TV will never look the same.

By Matt Jennings

Jason Mittell watches television for a living.

O.K., that's too simplistic. He teaches for a living, but he teaches *television,* specifically the medium's effect on American culture. Now that sounds like a pretty good gig if you could get it, and while certainly Mittell would agree, he gets somewhat upset if you suggest it's all play and no work.

"It really bothers me when people say television is *just* entertainment," Mittell says over lunch on an early November afternoon. "It's entertaining, yes, but the medium has more than an aesthetic function, it has tremendous social and historical impact."

He's right, of course, but since media sage Marshall McLuhan published the definitive work concerning media and society—*Understanding Media*—in 1964, the study of television and its impact on American culture has seemed to drift below the radar in the world of academia, at least until now.

Mittell is part of a new wave of scholars who are turning a critical eye toward the small screen and examining television's role within American society. Syracuse University's Robert Thompson has become a household name for those who closely follow television in the media, and while Mittell cringes somewhat at the comparison, he too has popped up in newspaper articles addressing such topics as TV quiz shows and reality television.

Television has mirrored social change across time, Mittell explains. Just as escapist "reality" fare has helped define the first few years of American culture in the twenty-first century, recent history is littered with television programming that has reflected the general mores of the period (think *Dallas* in the early '80s and *Seinfeld* in the '90s). Yet one must exercise caution when examining television through a historical lens. Television is, and always has been, about selling products and making money. But by analyzing what was watched when, one can gain a greater appreciation for—and understanding of—a particular frame in American history.

"A television audience is more engaged and aware than academics give them credit for," Mittell says. "In studying the history of television, I'm interested in the audience. How is TV being used?"

A Boston native, Mittell sounds a little like the actor Michael Rapaport, a *bah-stan* accent lurking just beneath the surface of his speech. When he lectures, he rarely stands still, instead wearing a path into the stage in Twilight Auditorium. In his class Television and

TV Guide
What does *Maude* tell us about the 1970s? How has Bart Simpson defined a generation in American pop culture? Ask Jason Mittell.

Photograph by Bob Handelman

American Culture, he spends about 50 minutes of each meeting weaving a chronological narrative of the history of television, examining both the industry and the impact it has on society. It's probably the only class on campus where a teacher will address both the ideology of Reagan-era Federal Communications Commission chairman Mark Fowler and the impact of Bart Simpson on American culture. And while he urges his students occasionally to put the brakes on pleasure when it comes to analyzing the medium, he's not embarrassed to say that he's a fan of cartoons.

"He doesn't make you dislike those 'guilty pleasure' programs, but helps you understand why you choose to watch them," says David Lindholm '05. "He gives you the ability to analyze a show and look at it from a more removed standpoint, but without removing the fun from watching a show."

Upon graduating from Oberlin College in 1992 with a double major in theater and English, Mittell knew he wanted to be a professor, but he planned on getting a Ph.D. in theater. However, while interning with a San Francisco theater company, he became frustrated by the insularity of the profession. He moved to Minneapolis, where he worked as an administrative assistant at the University of Minnesota and took classes in video production and American popular culture. One of his pop culture instructors was a visiting professor from the University of Wisconsin who turned Mittell on to his future profession. "I remember approaching [the professor] and saying 'This is what I want to do. How do I do it?'" Mittell recalls with a laugh. "The study of popular culture really appealed to me, that and the fact that there were many tenure-track jobs in media studies."

"How many of you have seen *Twin Peaks*?"

Four or five hands are slowly raised; 35 other students stare quizzically. This is the part of Mittell's class that will really age a visitor over 25. His lectures are peppered with phrases like, "You probably haven't seen . . ." and "Ask your parents about . . ." Today he's discussing the 1980s and the era of formal experimentation of innovative television. David Letterman, *Hill Street Blues,* and the aforementioned *Twin Peaks* are all broached before he shifts gears and addresses the history of Rupert Murdoch and the rise of Fox and, later, cable television. ("In the medium, nothing is more important in the 1980s," he claims.) After class, he says he's rethinking the idea of teaching the course chronologically. Next time, he believes, he will lecture according to subject, rather than era, so he can hopscotch around the medium without being confined to a linear time line.

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In another course, Mittell touches on the heavily debated subject of children's television. A recent *Newsweek* cover story tackled the same topic and posits that TV may not be the demon in the box for young kids that parents once thought.

And while Mittell won't diverge into matters of childhood psychology, he says children could have an even greater impact on television programming than they already do.

"Children are much better at discerning the reality/fantasy divide than adults give them credit for," he says. "I think the biggest flaw in children's media is that researchers don't ask them point-blank, 'Why do you like this?'"

Mittell wants a similar exchange in his classes—"more of a dialogue, less of a massive one-way flow of information," he says—and while his lecture class tends to lack that back-and-forth spark, he has turned to Web technology to further out-of-class discussion. Mittell has set up Web logs for each class, and students are not only encouraged, but required to post comments and analysis regarding each week's reading assignments and class screenings.

Online, students banter about the rise of media conglomerates, the effect of the feminist movement on 1970s television, and the globalization of *Sesame Street*. And Mittell says that students have been telling him that they are viewing *everything* with a meta-eye. Of course, for some, this means television has lost some of its luster. "I feel like this class is making me dislike television more and more," one student posted on the Web log. "Too much fabrication, propaganda, and hidden truths."

Such sentiment, while certainly not the intention of the course, goes a long way in proving Mittell's contention that his field of study is "media criticism and analysis, not media appreciation."

WINTER KEPT US WARM,
covering Earth in forgetful snow
—T.S. Eliot
Photograph by Caleb Kenna

Who is Bill Sessions?

To death penalty proponents

he's the guy who declared the federal statute unconstitutional.

To others, he's the man who just sold them some cheese.

By Sally West Johnson '72

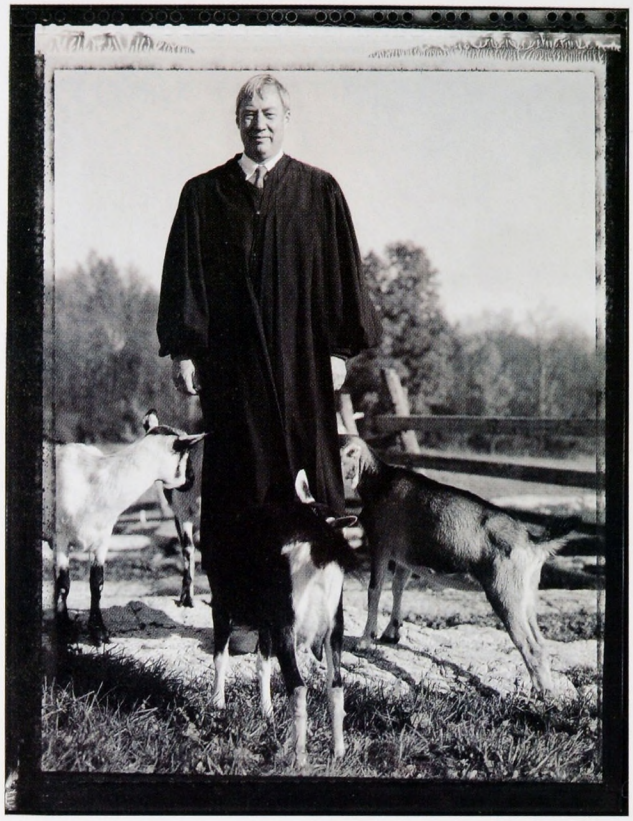
Photographs by Michael Sipe

HERE COMES THE JUDGE. He's the tall man in the sodden jacket with the rain dripping off his nose as he loads a table, a market umbrella, and the unsold goat cheese into the back of his daughter's car, at the end of the weekly farmers' market.

It has been a nasty day: cold, rainy, and growing muddier by the minute in the parking lot of Middlebury's Marbleworks complex, where The Hon. Judge William K. Sessions III '69 does double duty on Saturday mornings, serving as baby-sitter for his infant granddaughter and vendor for the goat cheese made by his daughter at her Blue Ledge Farm in Leicester. It's hard to tell which job he enjoys more.

"This is my granddaughter, Livia," he beams over the wails of an unhappy infant, strapped across his chest in a Snugli. "I love to strap her to my chest in this thing and walk around town, showing her off."

He also has a newfound fascination with small-scale farming, now that his daughter, Hannah Sessions, and her husband, Greg Bernhardt, have taken up milking goats and making cheese. "Maybe it's a guy thing, but I love counting the money," says Sessions in his role as proud papa, opening the red tin box that holds the day's proceeds and smoothing the wrinkled bills. He estimates that the take for this particular Saturday will be about $120 or $130, half of what he usually collects before the Blue Ledge Farm goat cheese, herbal and plain, and homemade bread sell out,



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usually by 11:30. The cold rain has kept the customers at bay today, but "we did okay," he says, pulling a small wad of $20s from his pocket as the rain picks up and the few customers who were left head for cover. "For a lousy day, we did okay."

Truth be told, what Sessions likes most about his Saturday morning gig is that he has time "to be a normal guy, talking to normal people." Just then, a neighbor approaches, greets him with "Hi, Your Honor," and proceeds to explain why *his* father would never have allowed goats in his dairy barn. The man and his daughter chat for a while, nibble some goat cheese samples, and wander off. "See," says Sessions. "Here, I'm just a guy selling cheese. I get to socialize, chat with people. I need that because in my other job, I'm so, so isolated."

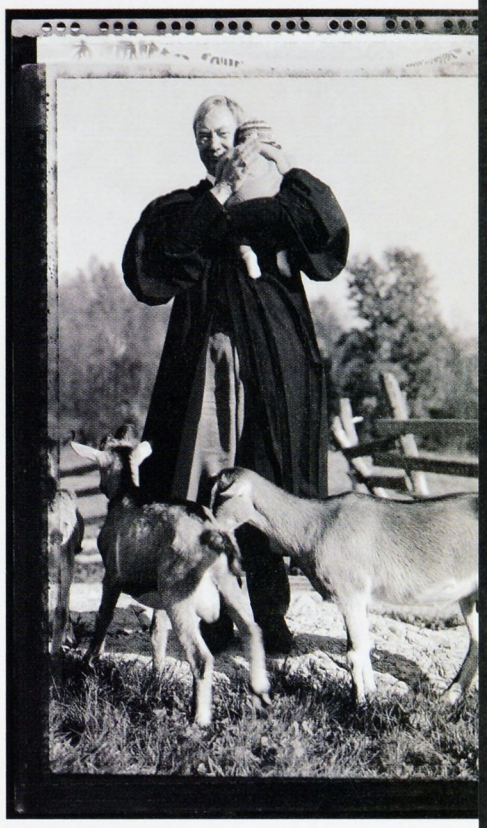
His other job is as one of the two federal judges who sit in Vermont. His colleague, Garvan Murtha, works out of the federal courts in Rutland and Brattleboro, but Sessions, who sits in Burlington, is the one more likely to catch the kind of high-profile cases that have afforded him some degree of national recognition after only seven years on the bench.

Sessions made the official move to the federal bench on August 15, 1995, leaving behind a highly visible job as a public defender who primarily handled state murder cases. Since then, he has issued notable opinions on a variety of subjects, including Forest Service management and campaign-finance law, but none is likely to have the impact of his September ruling on the federal death penalty, an opinion that made a splash across the country and around the world. What he said, in effect, was that the federal death penalty was unconstitutional as a result of a U.S. Supreme Court opinion last June that increased the evidentiary standard for information presented at the sentencing phase of the trial.

Because of the high court's decision in *Ring v. Arizona,* Sessions decreed, in *United States v. Fell,* that the current means of doing business in death-penalty cases at the federal level is no longer acceptable under the law. His was the second such opinion—in July, Judge Jed S. Rakoff of the Federal District Court in Manhattan also found the statute unconstitutional, citing evidence that innocent people have been put to death. Because Rakoff's reasoning was so broad, however, many scholars thought that Sessions's decision was likely to be the more influential of the two because it was both more specific and more limited in its scope. James S. Liebman, professor of law at Columbia University, told the *New York Times* that "Judge Sessions is looking almost with a microscope at the details of the federal statute and comparing this with the rulings of the Supreme Court as to how the death penalty is supposed to work. This is a more traditional approach to the legality or constitutionality of the death penalty statute."

"If the death penalty is to be part of our system of justice, the process of law and the fair trial guarantees of the Sixth Amendment require that standards and safeguards governing the kinds of evidence juries may consider must be rigorous, and constitutional rights and liberties scrupulously protected," Sessions wrote. "To relax those standards invites abuse, and significantly undermines the reliability of decisions to impose the death penalty."

Sessions's ruling was picked up quickly by wire services and created a buzz in media circles far and wide. Sessions doesn't mind all the attention, although it occurred to him that the U.S. Senate, in particular the Republicans, "might try to impeach me." They didn't. In fact, he says, "the response has been amazing. There were wonderful editorials in the *New York Times* and especially the *Washington Post.* I haven't heard any negative reaction."



His other concern was that the opinion would come back to haunt his friend and mentor, U.S. Senator Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., the man who recommended him to President Bill Clinton for a spot on the federal bench. Until this last election, Leahy had been chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and under fire from the Bush administration for allegedly delaying GOP judicial appointments for political purposes. Sessions hoped his opinion would not add fuel to that fire.

Leahy, for his part, says the judge has no cause for concern. "It has had no negative impact on me, and if it had, I wouldn't have cared. His decision is well reasoned and extremely well written. Even the pro-death penalty people are impressed. I'm very proud of him for tackling something he could easily have passed up."

Sessions also knows perfectly well that Congress may revise the federal death penalty law to fix the problems, and if that happens, so be it. "If you want to move the law in a particular direction, you do it in small ways," he reasons. "If I'm given the choice of making a radical change or an incremental change, I will choose the incremental change because it moves things along but it doesn't challenge society."

IN HIS OWN FASHION, Sessions has been a boat rocker for a long time—but always from his perch inside the boat. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1947, he graduated from Middlebury in 1969. Because he participated in the R.O.T.C. program at the College, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army immediately upon graduation. He got his law degree from George Washington University in 1972, was promoted to first lieutenant, and served active duty for two years before joining the inactive reserve.

Still, there was always an undercurrent of social activism, as evidenced by the fact that he served as public defender for Addison County from 1974-1978, took up private practice, and then went into partnership with Robert Keiner in 1980. The firm of Sessions and Keiner was under contract to do all the public defender work for Addison County, a novel arrangement at the time.

Over his years as a public defender, Sessions became Vermont's own Perry Mason, the go-to guy for murder cases, a practice that took him all over the state and presented him with a wide range of challenging cases. "I always liked the clients," he says, recalling those years of trial work, "although I don't know particularly why, other than the fact that you're always looking for the best in a human being."

He believes that experience as a defense attorney gives him an unusual—if not unique—vantage on the issue of sentencing, which has occupied much of his time since being nominated to the United States Sentencing Commission by President Bill Clinton in 1999. (His term expires in November 2003, and he very much doubts he will be reappointed with Republicans in control of the U.S. Senate.) The Federal Sentencing Guidelines are the result of a congressional effort to eliminate the disparity in sentencing by establishing minimum sentences for federal crimes, especially drug crimes. The job of the commission is to revise the guidelines on an on-going basis as the courts gather new information about their efficacy and outcomes.

Although the post takes Sessions out of state for several days at least twice a month, he likes the job because, unlike many federal judges, he believes the guidelines represent an honest effort "to eliminate disparity between individual cases, even though it's understood that disparity continues to exist." Where other judges

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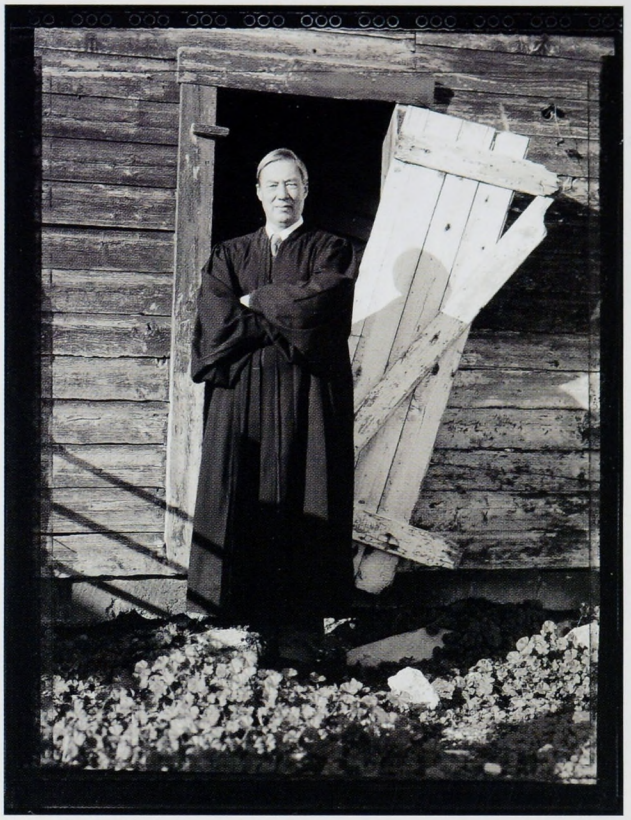

may see only restrictions and prohibitions, Sessions chooses to see flexibility and latitude. "You can look at the regulations and believe they prohibit departures (from the guidelines) or you can look for the inherent flexibility. I feel very comfortable with them now, so I feel very comfortable departing from them."

Indeed, his own courtroom sentencings, like his written opinions, are never *pro forma*. To him, they are an opportunity to teach, to regenerate a contract between one person and society at large, to understand—but not excuse—someone's unacceptable behavior. It's worth noting that he's far less sympathetic to "white-collar criminals and big drug dealers," who, in his estimation, merit the tough sentences he throws at them.

And then there are the cases that break his heart. A November case brought a 22-year-old woman with a drug problem to court. "You can't believe this woman's life," says Sessions, who swears he never took part in the drug generation, an assertion with which those who know him well agree. "She started using at age 12; by 14, she was using coke, Ecstasy, you name it. It's shocking; she looks like a little kid. Her mother was crying in the back of the courtroom, but I had to lock her up. She's been in treatment numerous times, but she's always broken the rules. She has never completed a treatment program."

In the case of the young woman, Sessions departed from the guidelines, imposed a sentence of 12 to 30 months and offered her a chance to reduce her prison time by successfully completing a boot camp run by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. "You try to personalize the sentencing process, because the guidelines are impersonal," he explains. "One of the first things I try to address is the problem that got the person in trouble in the first place. I try to structure a sentence that involves getting drug treatment, getting a job, and creating a stable home situation. If those things can happen, that significantly impacts the sentence imposed, and it puts the onus on the defendant as to the outcome." He also used another of his favorite tactics: he gave her what he calls "The Lecture." It's a Sessions special.

"I always look the defendant right in the eye and say what I'm doing and why I'm doing it. Then I find something positive to say about the person. I lecture them about how personal choices determine your path in life. For young people, I also require that they write me a letter each year describing what and how they're doing. Sure, some of them are *pro forma*, but I get some fabulous letters from people who have turned their lives around. That's the part I love."

IRONICALLY, William K. Sessions III nearly chose not to become a federal judge. He liked his life—he and his wife, Abi, live in a restored brick farmhouse in Cornwall and spend much of their leisure time hiking, cross-country skiing, and canoeing. Their three children—Hannah, Myra, and Jonathan—have left the nest. Over the years, they also have cared for 10 foster children.

When President Clinton nominated him to the bench in 1995, Sessions worried that such a posting would take him away from the defense work he loved. "Why would I want to do that?" he asked himself and others at the time. "I love my job, I have complete autonomy, I can take only the cases that interest me. Why give that up?" Now, recalling those words, he laughs.

"I have never second-guessed my decision to become a judge," he insists now. "It's a fabulous job. You have an opportunity to have an impact in the political arena. You're involved in policy issues. This is the best job in the world.

"I've become extremely interested in children with disabilities in education and the laws affecting them. I wrote a 90-page decision on campaign-finance reform that I worked on for months (in which he supported Vermont's limits on individual contributions but struck down limits on overall campaign spending and out-of-state contributions). I took pride in my decision on dairy-milk pricing (extending the life of the Northeast Dairy Compact, which has since expired). These are all new areas of law for me."

However, the other negatives that he postulated at the time have turned out to be somewhat more valid. For one, all his lawyer friends went away. "One negative of this job is that I basically severed or strained my relationships with all the lawyers I knew," he says. "Because you're always identified with the job, you're not allowed to socialize with lawyers, and you're treated differently in the legal community. I could always try to be just like I was before, but that's not appropriate."

At his daughter Hannah's wedding in the summer of 2001, "no lawyers came, not even my former partners. We've lost contact over the years. There was no way around it." Another negative, Sessions acknowledges, is that he had to give up the politics he so dearly loved. A Democrat, he served on Sen. Leahy's campaign staff in 1986 and as manager of the Leahy campaign in 1992.

For his part, the senator, a former prosecutor, says he first knew Sessions as a member of the Vermont bar. Then he got to know him as a political organizer he could count on to pull together a local campaign fund-raiser at a moment's notice and have it be packed with friends and neighbors. "He was the best green Jell-O organizer around," remembers Leahy. "That was our name for covered-dish suppers because somebody always brought a green Jell-O salad. He was always able to pull it together quickly and always in a great humor. The more I worked with him, the more I liked him."

The senator added that the nomination has been everything he hoped it would—and more. "I hear back from both sides how fair he is," says Leahy. "I sometimes slip into the back of the courtroom to watch him and I have been very impressed. I practiced in front of some very good judges, but he's a step above. He's the kind of judge I always hoped to try cases in front of but never got the chance."

Perhaps more telling are the testimonials from unidentified Vermont attorneys, who were asked to evaluate his performance. Although their anonymity certainly put them at liberty to criticize Sessions's performance on the bench, those questioned called him "bright," "energetic," and "impartial" among other things. Said one: "He gets an A for his demeanor. There are two very serious rules in his courtroom: He requires total civility among lawyers, and you must show respect for the court. These rules are more than quirks. They're more like orders. He will not tolerate petty bickering among lawyers. As long as you're not quibbling with the attorneys on the other side, Judge Sessions will let you try your case."

AFTER A MORNING OF THE SERIOUS STUFF, Judge Sessions gets to do one of his favorite things on the afternoon before the November 5 elections. He gets to swear in 70 immigrants in a naturalization proceeding that will make them American citizens. This group of 70 is the largest ever to be sworn in here in Vermont. At the behest of the VFW, the ceremony will take place in the auditorium of the Burlington Post on St. Paul Street, so Judge Sessions will hold court there for the afternoon.

It's a raw day out, so he throws his black robes over his arm, slips into an overcoat, and heads off at a brisk pace from the Federal Building down through the Church Street Marketplace, where he greets half a dozen people by name, and across Main Street to the VFW. He is meeting his friend the senator there, and they will conduct the ceremony jointly. Off comes the overcoat, on go the robes, and he is back in full regalia.

When Sessions is enjoying himself—which he often seems to be—he makes no secret of it. His laugh is a boisterous, booming sound that rises above the ambient noise of a room, warming the space around him. One trait that people often mention about Bill Sessions is that he has a sharp sense of humor and that he laughs a lot.

Today his pleasure at the task is evident. He enters the room ceremonially, walking with Senator Leahy, declares court open, and takes the podium. "You are about to undergo a magical transformation," he tells the gathering of immigrants, their families, and friends. Some of the assembled are from the nations of Southeast Asia, some from Bosnia, a few Canadians, and a smattering of other nationalities, a surprisingly diverse group for a state that is usually branded homogeneous. "You are about to form a new allegiance and assume new obligations. Here, you can say what you want, worship as you choose, and go where you will.

"But in accepting the benefits of this country, you must also accept its responsibilities," he continues. "The right to vote is threatened whenever you fail to vote; the right to free speech is threatened whenever you fail to speak your convictions." He quotes two of his favorite historical figures, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Robert F. Kennedy, and concludes by praising the new citizens, telling them they have "all taken a courageous step in coming here."

Then it is Leahy's turn to speak. "On September 11, when every other organization in the country was holding a memorial service of some sort, Judge Sessions held a naturalization ceremony," he tells the gathering. "I arranged a video hookup so I could be there, because to me, that was the most important event of all. By reminding us that we are a nation of immigrants, Bill Sessions was putting his finger on what was the most important thing that day—that we include everybody and exclude nobody. For that, I'm enormously proud of him."

The ceremony is over, and the room is hot and overcrowded. Even now, Sessions doesn't budge. Instead, he poses and poses and poses and poses for photograph after snapshot after photograph. He keeps smiling, he keeps laughing, he never once lets on that he is hot and tired and hungry. After 45 minutes or so of smiling and posing, with the room nearly empty, he stops to wolf down a turkey sandwich. After cracking a few jokes with the Leahy entourage, he pulls his coat back on and, with his robes flapping in the breeze, strides forcefully down the street.

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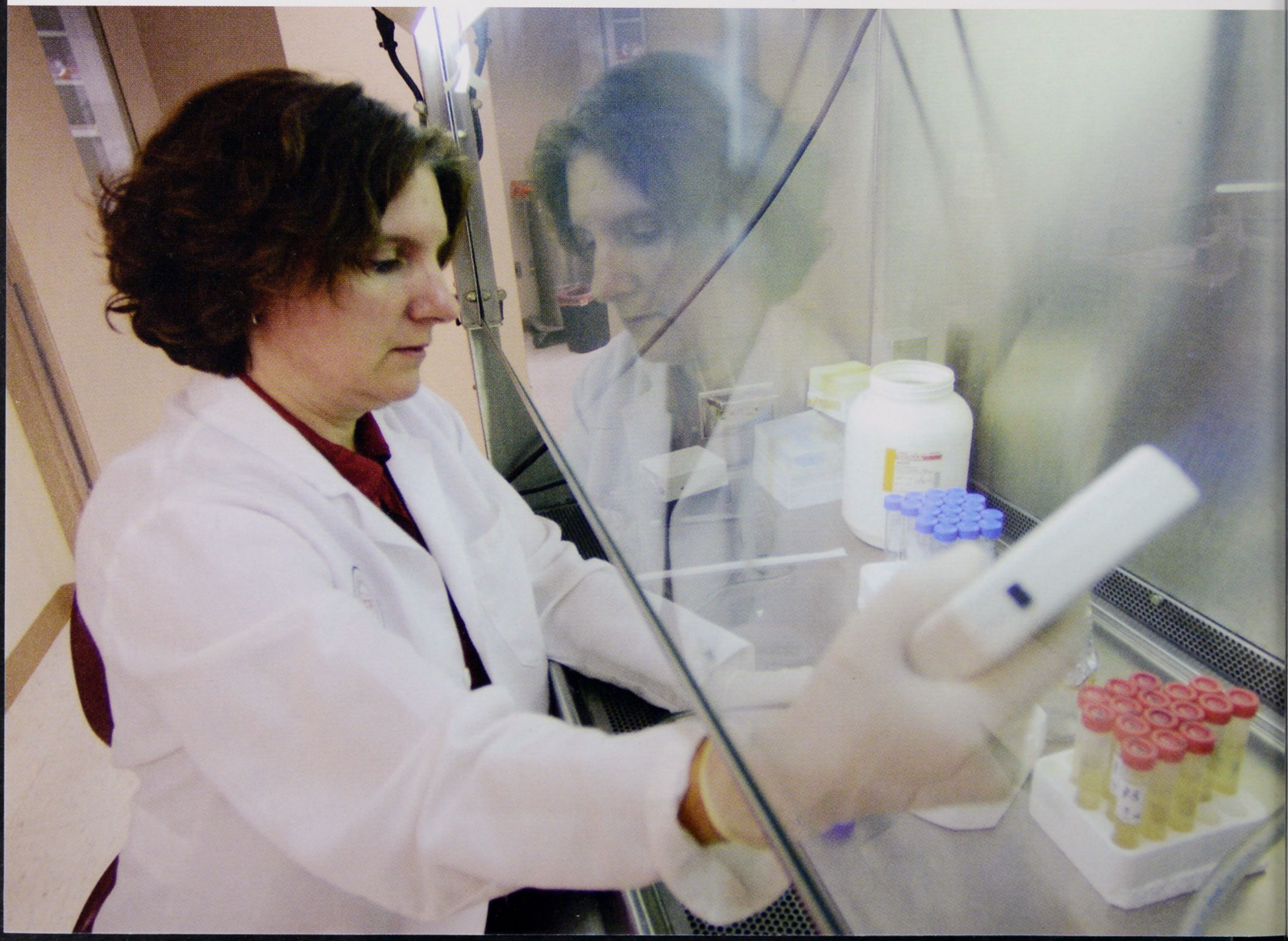
Unlikely Warrior

Nancy Connell '75 is one of the nation's top biodefense experts. **She's also a pacifist.**



By Bill Morris

Photographs By Jon Roemer

On the November day when United Nations inspectors returned to Iraq to determine if Saddam Hussein has been stockpiling weapons of mass destruction, Nancy Connell '75 was up early fighting her own war against bioterrorism.

She rose two hours before sunrise in her century-old, five-room log cabin in rural Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, and promptly dug into the waiting backlog of e-mail. It concerned biological weapons, for the most part, and it came from arms-control experts, scholars, journalists, and students.

After fixing breakfast for her husband, Mitchell Gayer, and their nine-year-old daughter, Eloise, Connell dropped Eloise off at school and drove the 25 miles to a high-security laboratory near downtown Newark, where space-suited technicians were running experiments with deadly anthrax, plague, and tularemia bacteria.

"Scary, creepy stuff," as Connell puts it. And, if President George W. Bush is to be believed, the very sorts of things those U.N. inspectors are sure to find in Iraq.

"It is so scary in there," Connell says, glancing through thick glass at the technicians. "You're holding anthrax—so everything is slow. You know that if you make a mistake you could die."

The research, funded with a $3 million grant from the Department of Defense, is designed to develop tools for diagnosing infections by various biological agents. Such research has become the front line of America's redrawn war map.

On this unseasonably mild November day, Connell will fight her war on the leafy green campus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, where the Middlebury grad is an associate professor, vice-chair for research in the Department of Medicine, and director of the three-year-old Center for BioDefense.

Years before the terrorist attacks of September 11 and the ensuing anthrax scare, Connell was preaching the gospel of preparedness. As events were to prove, she was in the right place long before the time was right. Now, unfortunately, history has caught up with her vision, and people all over the world are listening to what Connell has to say.

Since bioterror arrived in the mailboxes of nearby New Jersey towns in late 2001, Connell has shared her knowledge with hundreds of groups, from F.B.I. agents to high school students to ambulance drivers. She has taught F.B.I. agents what it looks like when someone creates anthrax spores. She has preached the importance of arms control to high school students. And she has taught ambulance drivers how to protect themselves against such infectious diseases as smallpox and plague.

Connell is a tornado of energy, a woman who speaks in machine-gun bursts and never stops moving. She seems to have a dozen balls in the air at all times and, somehow, never drops one. She's a woman on a mission. A woman with a vital message.

The essence of her message, simply put, is this: "We have a responsibility as human beings not to turn infectious diseases against one another."

And her goal, simply put, is this: "To get information out and not scare people to death."

Voice of Reason

Connell has been preaching the gospel of preparedness for years. Since 9/11, everybody is listening.

When Nancy Connell entered Middlebury in the fall of 1970, she had no idea she would wind up on the front line of America's war against bioterrorism—or, indeed, that it would ever be necessary to wage such a war.

She grew up in a family of five in Manhattan, where her father was a surgeon and her mother was an art historian, and the family's dinner table conversations revolved around the hot topics of the day—the Civil Rights movement, the Vietnam War, a budding thing called feminism.

Nancy started studying piano in the first grade and picked up the cello six years later. She spent her high school years at Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, New York, a Quaker school whose pacifism fit neatly with her misgivings about the Cold War arms race and America's misadventure in Vietnam.

On the day she arrived in Poughkeepsie, she learned that her roommate's father had worked with the American Friends Service Committee in Vietnam—a harrowing experience that turned his hair snow-white in just six months.

The thought of such commitment and sacrifice tripped a switch in the impressionable girl's mind. "All of a sudden," Connell says, "I knew that being connected to people like that and doing work like that was what I wanted to do with my life."

She would participate in numerous antiwar marches in the coming years, and by the time she arrived at Middlebury she knew that she was destined for a life of action. She plunged into her studies and joined the College orchestra's cello section, but quickly realized she needed an outlet for her activist impulses.

Activism, after all, was in the air. People were marching against the bombing of Cambodia; they were marching for the rights of women and minorities and farm workers. With her roommate Eve Ensler '75, who would go on to write the smash off-Broadway play, *The Vagina Monologues,* Connell helped form the Middlebury Women's Group, which worked with local law enforcement officers to provide students with rape-prevention training and crisis counseling.

THE NEXT GENERATION
Connell prays that her daughter Eloise will grow up in a world free of weapons of mass destruction.

Connell's interest in science was still in the future. During her undergraduate years, music and classics were her abiding academic passions. For this she thanks two unforgettable teachers.

"George Todd introduced contemporary music to Middlebury," she recalls warmly. "He set up an electronic-music studio. He was active in moving Middlebury forward. He gave a great course, just letting us go into the studio for hours and hours. At the same time he gave us an appreciation for the classical tradition."

For her, two composers would tower above all others.

"My favorite composer to think about is Mozart," she says. "He's perfect. George Todd taught me how he's perfect. But my favorite to play is Brahms."

When it came to classics, her clear favorite was—and still is—the lyric poetry of Horace and Catullus. Her senior thesis was on Plautus, a comic Roman playwright from the third century B.C.

"My Greek professor, Bill Harris, was an eccentric genius who lived in a geodesic dome in the mountains outside of town," she recalls. "He had a huge machine shop where he could refurbish the old tools he found on the land. Farmers were forever coming to him to fix their equipment—and when they got there he would be reading Homer and listening to Chopin."

Harris would play half a dozen recordings of the same piece of music, and in time Connell and the other students gathered in the geodesic dome came to understand why Alfred Cortot's interpretation of a Chopin étude was more distinctive than, say, Van Cliburn's.

It wasn't until her last semester, though, that Connell took her first biology course. It was a decision that would alter the course of her life.

AFTER GRADUATING IN 1975 with a double major in music and classics, she enrolled in basic science courses at the University of Connecticut, following her instincts, trying to get a solid foundation. She studied chemistry, physics, biology, immunology, all the while playing cello in a string quartet and an orchestra.

She worked for several years as a technician in cancer laboratories; then, in 1982, her big break came—acceptance into Harvard's Department of Cell and Development Biology, where she would work and study for the next six and a half years.

It was during those years at Harvard that she discovered a way to apply hard science to her pacifist, Quaker-influenced ideas on weapons and war. In fact, the faculty insisted on it.

"They were first-rate scientists," she says, "and the culture of the department was that they recognized that every scientific discovery had societal implications. Science does not happen in a vacuum. What I learned to do was to apply scientific rigor to political and ethical issues. I was *so* lucky to be in that department."

Her first chance to take her growing expertise in microbiology out of the laboratory and into the larger world came when she was appointed head of the Committee on the Military Use of Biological Research at the Council for Responsible Genetics. The committee drafted a pledge for scientists that they would not knowingly participate in research that could lead to the development of biological weapons. More than 4,000 scientists around the world signed the pledge.

In 1986, Connell traveled to Geneva to join negotiations over the Biological Weapons Convention. Ironically, the United States has still not signed the convention's verification protocols, a development that leaves Connell feeling both "frustrated and devastated."

After completing her thesis on bacterial genetics, Connell received her doctorate from Harvard in 1989, then did three years of postdoctoral work at Einstein College of Medicine in New York, where she focused on tuberculosis immunology—and met the man she would marry. At the time, Mitchell was Einstein's biosafety officer. He now works as a biosafety engineer at Rutgers University.

Without realizing it, Connell was preparing for her role in the anxious world we live in today. Since tuberculosis is a respiratory pathogen transmitted by aerosols, and since most biological weapons have been developed for dissemination in aerosol forms, the next step in her career was natural: combine her expertise in respiratory infectious diseases with her long-standing interest in biological weapons control.

For the past decade she has been doing just that, beginning with an assistant professorship at the medical school in Newark in 1992, advancing into the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, and eventually to her current three-pronged position.

WAR AND PEACE
Connell learned in graduate school how to apply hard science to her pacifist, Quaker-influenced ideas on weapons and war.

It's a staggering workload, but she's not one for second thoughts. "One reason I took the job as director of the Center for BioDefense is because it made my soapbox much larger," she says. "It enabled me to reach a larger audience with my message of the need for arms control."

WHICH BRINGS US BACK to that mild November morning in Newark, when U.N. weapons inspectors were beginning their work halfway around the world in Iraq.

Connell's first order of business is to meet with architects, E.M.S. personnel, lobbyists, and colleagues who are trying to win funding for a building that will house all the scattered elements of the Center for BioDefense. Begun with shoestring funding in 1999, the center now has a $2 million annual budget, which it uses to conduct research and run educational and planning seminars with government leaders, scientists, public safety personnel, health-care workers, first responders, and the general public.

After the meeting breaks up, one of the key participants, John Ekarius, announces he's pleased with the progress the group is making. Ekarius, once the medical school's chief legislative lobbyist, is now working as a private consultant, lining up the pitch to the state legislature to secure funding for the center's new building.

"The real story here," says Ekarius, "is that Nancy and the New Jersey Medical School saw the need for biodefense strategy before anybody else did, going back to 1999. We're trying to grow now because of the huge national demand for biodefense. Normally, building an institute like this would take 10 years. We've done more in three years than some people do in 20 years."

He pauses, searching for words to describe the enormity of the undertaking. Finally he says, "It's like trying to sail a ship while you're still building it."

Connell adds, "We've been doing this on a shoestring since 1999. What's amazing is that we've built a nationally recognized Center for BioDefense, and now we're finally on the map."

Connell's whirlwind day continues. She gives a tour of the high-security lab to a group of Rutgers University students. After the tour, she draws elaborate diagrams on the chalkboard, explaining the mechanics of the research. Then she boils it down to a single digestible nugget: "What we want to see is if we can distinguish between someone infected with anthrax and someone infected with tularemia. It's the key to developing diagnostics." The students nod, taking this in.

It's lunchtime, but Nancy Connell is not the kind of warrior who breaks for lunch. A multi-tasker to the bone, she grabs a salad and soda from the cafeteria, then eats while helping three colleagues hammer out a $10 million grant proposal to the National Institute of Health for research into how the immune system responds to infection from biological weapons.

THE NEW BATTLEFIELD
Every day, Nancy Connell dons her own special armor and does battle with some of the nastiest diseases known to man.

"You're holding anthrax—so everything is slow. You know that if you make a mistake you could die."

As the vice-chair for research, Connell knows just how fierce the competition is for NIH funding, which has increased six-fold since the anthrax scare. She also knows that every grant proposal must therefore be perfect, so she peppers her colleagues with questions and suggestions, always playing devil's advocate. Within an hour, they've put the final polish on the proposal.

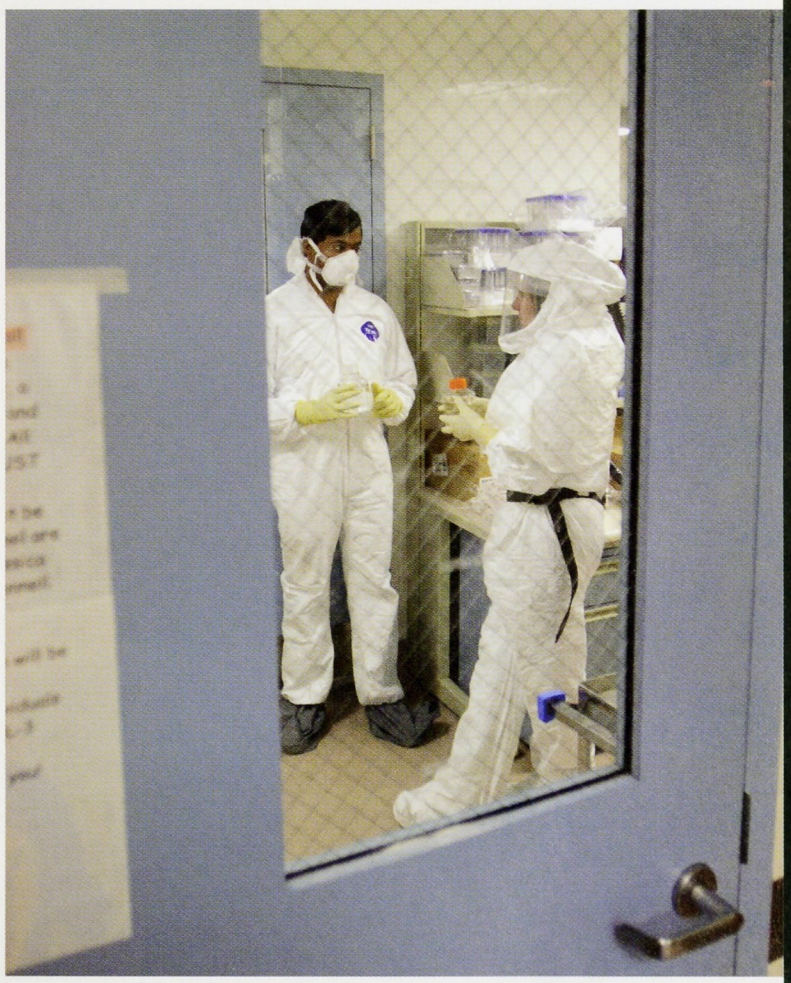
Satisfied, Connell heads for her only teaching assignment, a graduate seminar on weapons of mass destruction. Today, students are giving oral presentations on how a host of biological agents—anthrax, smallpox, ricin, botulism—do their appalling work. One student retells the story of Georgi Markov, a Bulgarian dissident who was attacked on a London street in 1978 by a man who had put a minuscule droplet of ricin, a poisonous extract of the castor bean, on the tip of an umbrella. The assailant stabbed Markov in the leg. The next day, Markov was dead.

The seminar has the gallows humor common to people accustomed to dealing with ghastly realities. In preparing her students for their final exam, which they will take home over the Christmas holiday, Connell says: "It'll be great. You can sit around the Christmas tree and write about the end of the world."

DUSK IS DESCENDING when Nancy Connell finally decides to call it a day. Driving a visitor to the train station in downtown Newark, she can't stop thinking and talking about the strange new world we live in. The conversation drifts around to the possibility of widespread smallpox vaccinations for medical workers, soldiers, even the general public—a weird possibility in light of the fact that the disease was officially eradicated in 1980. (In December, President Bush announced a plan to begin immediately vaccinating 500,000 American troops and 450,000 select health care workers.)

Connell knows enough to see that this issue, like everything else involved in the war on bioterrorism, is complex. The most complex—and maddening—thing about it is that it should not be happening, but it is. "I do believe the smallpox vaccine should be available on a volunteer basis," she says, quickly adding that its side-effects can be serious. "There should be a corps of medical people who get immunized." Beyond that, though, she doesn't think vaccinating millions of civilians is wise, or necessary.

"So-called 'ring' vaccination—vaccinating people around the area of an outbreak—works better than immunizing the whole population," she says. "That's how they wiped out the disease in the first place."



Enough. It will all start again before dawn tomorrow morning, when she digs into a fresh backlog of e-mail. Right now she is thinking about home. Mitchell will have dinner ready when she gets there, and after dinner she'll read to Eloise, something she does every night. They've just finished *Treasure Island*, and now they're getting ready to tackle Dickens. The Connells are a family of readers.

"When Eloise draws pictures of Mitchell and me, we always have books in our hands," Connell says, obviously pleased by the thought. It's enough to convince her, all over again, that the war she is fighting is one that simply must be won.

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Italian Affair

By Melissa Pasanen

Take an Italian honeymoon
Add a dash of intellectual curiosity
Mix with passion and ambition
And the result is a little slice
of Old World charm amid the
hills of Vermont

In the quintessential New England town of Woodstock, Vermont, there's a small restaurant where the Tuscan pizza is as thin and crisp as antique paper, and the authenticity of the vanilla meringue once brought a patron to tears as she recalled her Italian childhood.

To Deirdre Heekin '89 and Caleb Barber '88, the husband and wife team behind Pane e Salute restaurant and bakery, the ability to evoke such emotion means more than all the glowing recommendations they have earned over the last six years from *Bon Appétit, Travel & Leisure,* the *New York Times,* and the *Boston Globe Magazine.* When a chocolate cornetto or a dish of spaghetti alla carbonara feeds not only the body of a guest, but also the soul, Heekin and Barber are truly honored.

Within the restaurant's soft violet-blue and latte-colored walls, brown kraft paper is laid fresh on each table, and mellow Italian pop music plays over the sound system. Crusty loaves of bread are stacked behind the counter, and a huge wheel of Parmigiano-Reggiano can be custom-cut by the wedge. "We are trying to create a place that's here in America, but has a feeling and a flavor of another world, another time, another place," Heekin said in a radio interview promoting the couple's new book, also called *Pane e Salute,* which means "bread and health" in Italian.

While Heekin and Barber did not learn the art of hospitality or traditional Italian baking at Middlebury College, the couple gives their alma mater quite a bit of credit for the circumstances that created Pane e Salute—the restaurant and book. Barber grew up in West Brattleboro, Vermont, and Heekin in southern Indiana. They met at Middlebury in the College's dance program, and it was an Italian classmate and fellow dancer who invited them to come and work in Italy.

Pane e Salute now keeps them too busy to dance, but the legacy of that training—and other skills honed at Middlebury—endures. At work every day, Heekin and Barber demonstrate the discipline and teamwork of dancers, the attention to detail of writers, the intellectual approach of a philosophy major (Barber), and the visual eye of a film student (Heekin).

Their handsome book, *Pane e Salute: Food and Love in Italy and Vermont* [see sidebar], follows the couple, from their yearlong working honeymoon in Italy, to the success of their cozy restaurant in Vermont. It illuminates how they fell in love with a culture where

Photos by Skye Chalmers

LABOR OF LOVE
A honeymoon in Italy introduced Heekin (*left*) and Barber to a new way of life—one they brought back to Vermont.

"food is the center of a lifestyle," and the connection between people and the land is celebrated daily at the table. *Publishers Weekly* called *Pane e Salute* "a winning and well-written volume full of honest Italian cooking and memories."

"What excites me about their writing," says Andrea Olsen, a Middlebury professor of dance and an author who has mentored the couple's dance career and their writing for more than a decade, "is their ability to involve all the senses." This ability, Olsen believes, is also evident in their restaurant. "They've taken what they know about the creative process and applied it to the creation of the restaurant," she says. "The whole way of being in a restaurant is a performance, with involvement of all the senses and involvement of movement."

ON A CRISP FALL AFTERNOON, just a week past peak foliage, the restaurant is humming, a performance in progress. A geranium in a red clay pot sits behind the counter. "Leaf-peepers" and locals drift in for fresh panini sandwiches layered with chewy prosciutto and spicy greens; a warming bowl of creamy, saffron-infused risotto; or light nuggets of potato gnocchi in arugula-walnut pesto.

Heekin graciously welcomes every guest, matches the right glass of red wine to a sophisticated visitor from New York City, and pulls a perfect shot of espresso for another. Barber moves smoothly between kitchen, bakery counter, and desk, checking in with his lunch chef, ordering for the weekend, and doing payroll. He's been up since 5 A.M. when he began making the day's bread and pastries, following centuries-old recipes that he learned in Italy.

The geranium behind the counter is a pale cousin to the crimson blooms that thrive on sunny balconies in Tuscany, where Heekin and Barber first traveled together in 1991. After graduating, the couple worked briefly in Manhattan before they got married, and then, "We wanted to make a new world for ourselves, to perform and teach," recalls Barber. So, when Elisa Barucchieri '89 invited the newlyweds to Italy, they bought one-way tickets and, without a word of Italian between them, took off for a small town in eastern Tuscany.

OFFICE SPACE
Although he rises at 5 A.M. to make bread and pastries, Barber must still tend to other, less romantic, chores.

Their experience abroad was soon saturated with a culture infused with the significance of food. Barber, who had always loved to cook, would slip into the kitchen of the local language institute to help his friend, Rosa, as she prepared meals for more than 100 students by herself. In their book, Heekin captures the repeated scene of her husband leaning over Rosa's shoulder, the older woman handing him a spoon to taste. "Rosa was a big part of making me pay attention to food," says Barber. She also welcomed the young Americans frequently at her own table. "Helping her was a way to give thanks for repeatedly having us into her home for meals," Barber explains. "There is no gesture more generous than having someone into your home, and that was not lost on us."

Steeped in the Italian way of life, Heekin and Barber returned to Middlebury, where Barber spent the next few years cooking at Otter Creek Bakery, while Heekin worked in publishing, and together they created a dance company. But memories of Italy tugged at them constantly. "We didn't realize the effect that year had had on us until we got back," Barber admits. "We started to miss the parts of the life we had in Italy. We started to figure out a basic list of things we wanted in our work." "And in our life," finishes Heekin. Creating an Italian bakery and café in Vermont, Heekin continues, seemed a natural way for "us, as a couple, to have the kind of lifestyle we wanted and also a connection to the land, through providing food and hospitality."

Barber returned to Italy in 1995 to apprentice for nine weeks in Ponte agli Stolli, a village in the hills of Chianti. He drove a matchbox-size royal-blue 1968 Fiat 500 between his weekday job, at a small bakery run by two brothers, and weekend night job, working in "the kitchen of a little, tiny restaurant operated by the family I lived with. It didn't even have a name."

At the bakery, Barber learned to make regional breads and pastries from recipes handed down over generations. "The bread took me a long time to become skilled at," Barber reflects, "and it gives me great pleasure to produce." For Pane e Salute, he bakes daily batches of pane casareccio, a chewy homestyle bread, and pane Altamura, a finer, crumbed loaf, typical of southern Italy. He also mastered many of the baked goods that his Vermont customers

Pane e Salute

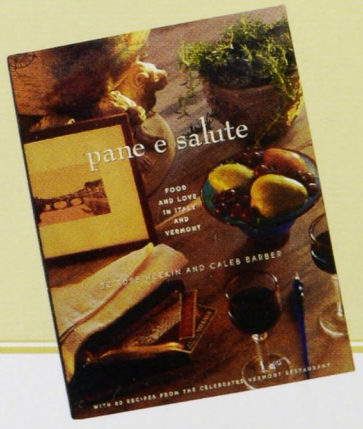
FOOD AND LOVE IN ITALY AND VERMONT

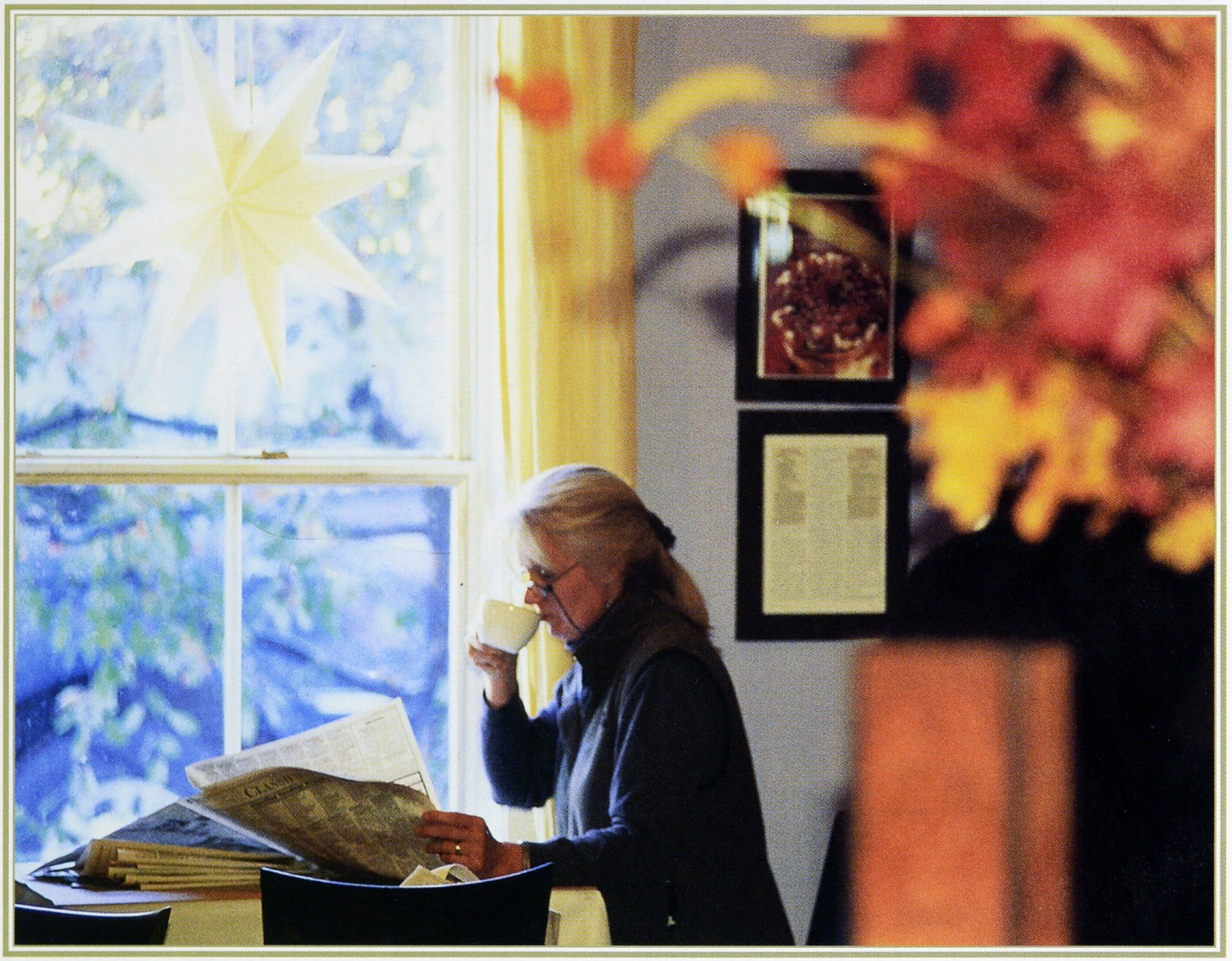
(Invisible Cities Press, 2002), by Deirdre Heekin and Caleb Barber, interweaves essays by Heekin, an award-winning writer, with Barber's regional, homestyle recipes from their Italian restaurant in Woodstock, Vermont. The combination memoir and cookbook format enabled the couple to share a philosophy that is very important to them. "Food has a context in history," explains Heekin. "A hybrid book can put the recipes in context. It gives the reader, and then cook, a context for what they cook, a connection."

An English and film major at Middlebury, Heekin earned a master's degree in fine arts from Vermont College and has attended the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference for several summers. Her fiction has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and has won the Calvino Prize in new fiction. Heekin's fluid style pulls the reader into the intimacy of a Tuscan kitchen hearth or the surreal masked ball that is Venetian Carnevale. She combines meticulous historic research and finely observed detail with insightful reflection.

Barber adds his own voice through informative, and often personal, notes preceding each recipe. "Trust your senses," he urges, "and pay attention to the information they provide." The book follows the seasons, as any good cook must. In spring, Barber lightly steams fresh asparagus and dresses their perfection with the yolks of fried eggs and a blanket of grated Parmigiano-Reggiano. For fall, he roasts fat sausages with black grapes and sweet onions. The recipe for potato and onion soup makes enough for a crowd, he explains, because it turns out better made in quantity, and "it seems to me that soup should always be made to feed many."

In the preface, Heekin writes, "This is a book about the food we've eaten in Italy, about a risotto made with saffron and Parmigiano, about a biscotto made with anise, and almonds taken with a small glass of sweet wine. About leaving home, about finding a place to stay, this is a book born out of desire or parts of desire: hunger and love." —*MP*





order with espresso: buttery lemon cookies "just as Renato made them at the bakery"; fragrant apple cake, lightened with whipped egg whites; and orange-scented biscotti di Dina—the recipe of a friend's mother.

THE RESTAURANT IN PONTE AGLI STOLLI, a traditional Italian *osteria* or trattoria, was almost like an extension of the family's home. In their book, Heekin writes, "Again and again we've gone back to Ponte agli Stolli—to have a coffee, to come in from the rain, to wait until dinner, to help roll out the dough for pizza until it's so thin, to cut ravioli circles from a wide sheet of fresh egg pasta, using only the lip of a simple juice glass." Each guest was greeted as family, and the cooking was classic and pure, allowing the flavor of fresh local ingredients to shine through. The couple was determined to achieve the same character in their own restaurant.

Back in America, they drafted a business plan and started scouting locations in Vermont, a state where the couple sensed a connection to the land, similar to the one they had experienced in Italy. During this time both Barber and Heekin had the good fortune to work for Kay Rentschler, then chef-owner of Middlebury's Storm Café, who has since become an editor and food writer for *Cook's Illustrated*, the *New York Times*, and *Gourmet*. Rentschler and Barber worked side by side in the kitchen for a year, and Barber credits Rentschler with teaching him much about the professional aspects of a restaurant. Rentschler, in turn, appreciated the couple's diligent approach to creating their own restaurant, as well as the affinity all three shared for writing and literature. But most important, Rentschler recalls, they knew how to have fun. "When you're running a restaurant, you have to have fun, too," she emphasizes. "It's too grueling not to."

WHERE TIME STANDS STILL
"We are trying to create a place that's here in America, but has a feeling and a flavor of another world, another time, another place."

This is a lesson Barber and Heekin seem to have absorbed well. Around 3 P.M. every day, the small staff gathers to eat around one long table in the back of the dining room. At a recent staff meal, baskets of chewy bread are served with thick, golden-green olive oil. Plates of antipasto feature rich, chocolate-brown chicken liver crostini and snowy mounds of fresh local ricotta, speckled with pink peppercorns. There is some debate over the level of salt in the risotto and no debate on the superiority of hand-rolled pasta.

Everyone samples the cappelletti stuffed with mortadella,

Pere in Caramello al Pernod

Pears in Pernod Caramel (Serves 2)

1 tablespoon butter

1/4 cup heavy cream

1/8 cup sugar

3 ripe, still-firm Bartlett pears, peeled, cored, and halved

1/4 cup Pernod

Mint leaves, for garnish, if available

In a large sauté pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the cream and sugar, stir to combine, and cook this mixture briskly for 2 minutes to bind the fats and sugars together. Add the pear halves cut-side down and poach for 2 to 3 minutes to heat them through. With a slotted spoon remove the pears to dessert plates.

Add the Pernod to the pan and raise the heat to high. Hold the pan at arm's length and step back as you prepare to ignite the liquor, being cautious as the ignition can take you by surprise. (**Prepare yourself:** flames may reach as much as a foot in height.) If you have a gas stove, *carefully* tilt the pan, bringing the liquids closer to the pan edge and thus the flame, until the liquor ignites. (If you have an electric stove, use a match to light the Pernod.) Set the pan down level on the burner. As it burns, gently swirl the pan to mix the contents together. The flame will go out, but continue cooking the caramel until it thickens up a little bit, just beginning to become syrupy, then pour the caramel over the pears and serve.

A Taste of the Old Country
Pane e Salute offers Italian pastries—such as orange-scented biscotti di Dina—made from centuries-old recipes.

prosciutto, and three ground meats made earlier that day by Marco Polidori, a young chef from Rome who is finishing up a three-month apprenticeship at Pane e Salute. "They're kick-ass!" Barber enthusiastically concludes. Polidori later explains why he prefers working at Pane e Salute to the high-pressure city restaurants of his Italian hometown. "It's like in a family," he says. "No competition. We share everything." He hopes to return to Vermont and open a second restaurant with Heekin and Barber. "Marco loves Vermont like we love Italy," Heekin says as she dips a biscotto into a small glass of dry Chianti.

The couple travels back to Italy at least once a year to reconnect with friends and to venture into different regions to learn new dishes and meet cheesemakers and winemakers whose products they use. "We are, both of us, continually recalling for ourselves places and experiences we had in Italy to help us perform and execute," Barber explains. "We really rely on that storehouse of memory to toughen our resolve not to compromise."

They return also for submersion in a culture where there is still broad respect for food and for the meaning it can bring into people's lives—for a reminder of why they do what they do. At home in Woodstock, in the everyday hustle of running a restaurant, it is too easy to forget the real reason they wake up at the crack of dawn and work late into the night. As Heekin writes, "We do it out of our convictions about food and culture and preservation. We try to recapture a life we lived in Italy, to give back something of the hospitality we received from the people." Most of all, she concludes, "We do this for the grandchild of immigrants who came to this country from Sicily or Naples, who comes into our bakery and remembers his childhood and the biscotti his grandmother made when he was small."

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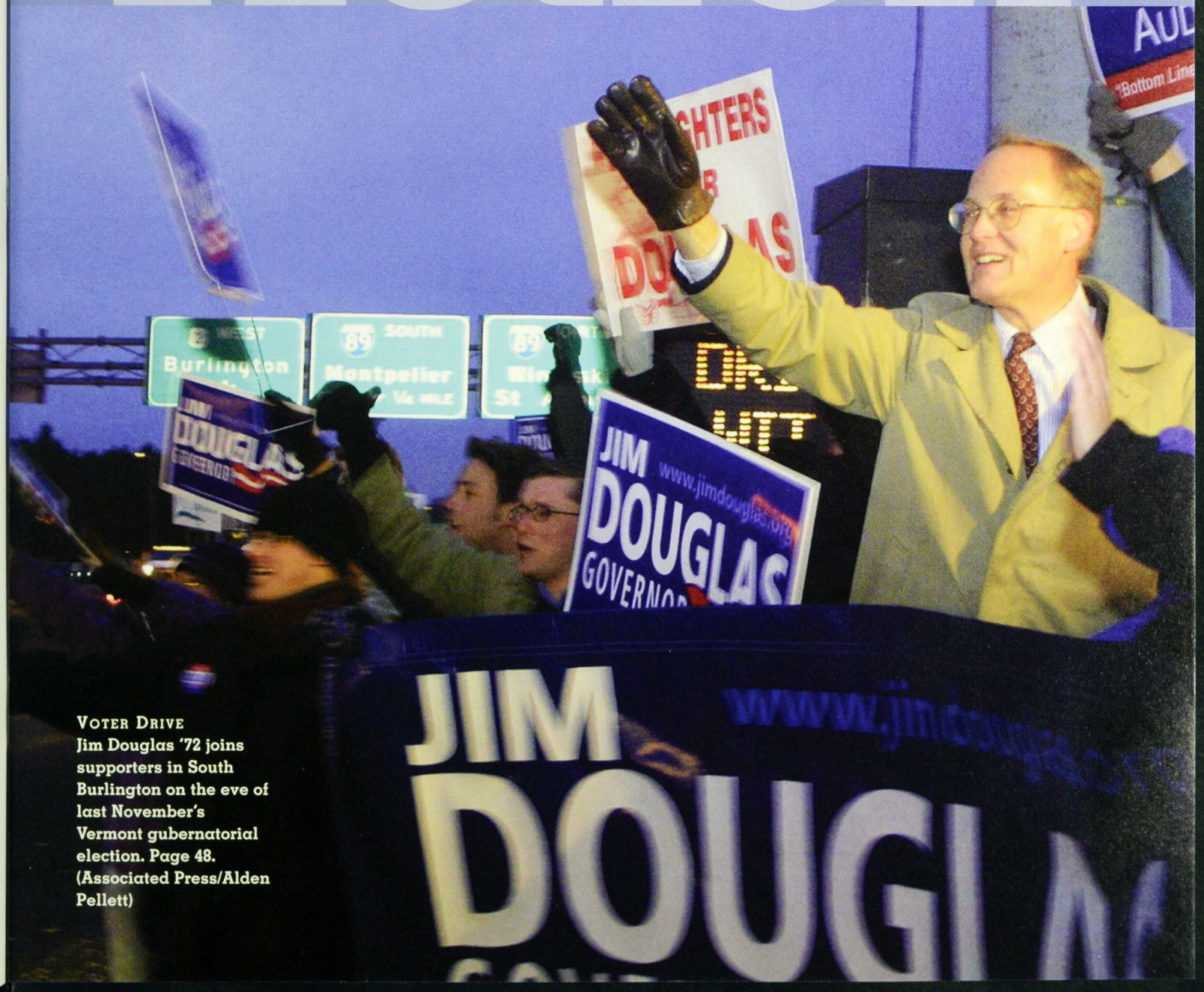


VOTER DRIVE
Jim Douglas '72 joins supporters in South Burlington on the eve of last November's Vermont gubernatorial election. Page 48. (Associated Press/Alden Pellett)

Milwaukee's Best

In a town known for another kind of brew, the Fowler brothers' coffee is all the rage.

By Louisa Kamps

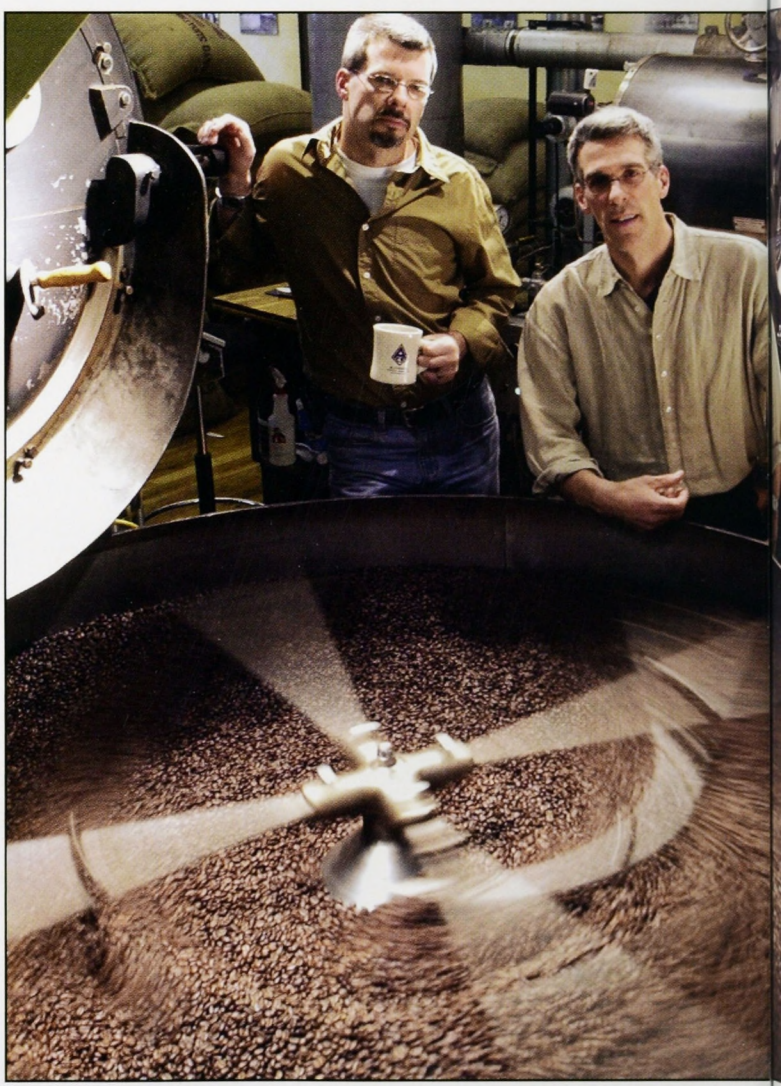
As the sun rises over Milwaukee, a pleasantly burnt-toasty aroma floats over the city, and groggy locals flock to the source—the flagship store of Alterra Coffee Roasters. In a large, lofty, onetime garage, formerly a car dealership on the busy East Side, Ward Fowler '86 and Lincoln Fowler '89 and partner Paul Miller honor their simple slogan—"strong coffee brewed here"—serving every conceivable style of specialty coffee drink at their café-bar. At another counter, people line up for coffee beans to go. Freshly roasted in giant steel cookers, Ethiopian Yirgacheffe, Delta Mud, and Chiapan Kulantik (a few of the 30-odd uncommonly rich house blends made with internationally harvested, fair-trade organic beans) travel to the register in a rickety Rube Goldbergian train suspended overhead. When the bags drop, customers grab them to sniff any coffee remnants on the outside. To call them loyal to the nine-year-old coffee purveyor is an understatement.

Alterra certainly has established its footprint in Milwaukee. In addition to the main shop, the burgeoning empire includes several small satellite coffee bars around the city, a brisk wholesale business selling to restaurants and markets throughout the Midwest, and, located in a converted 1888 pumping station on the lake front, a new coffee bar with a full menu. Which makes it hard to believe that Alterra's very existence is owed to a Fowler hunch that Milwaukee lacked a good coffee shop.

"This was something to do to make a buck and indulge our love of great coffee—twenty-something hubris," Ward insists. "We had no expectation it would grow as big as it is today."

The September opening of Alterra at the Lake touched off what Ward describes as a somewhat scary, perpetual mob scene of customers, possibly contributing to the Fowlers' graying temples. Yet throngs of customers were the furthest thing from the Fowlers' minds when they hatched their idea for a coffee business less than a decade ago.

A lot goes into creating a good, rich cup of coffee. First you need quality beans. Then you need to know how to roast them. But that's not enough. Freshly roasted beans are oily and water resistant. You can roast the world's freshest beans to perfection and still produce a dreadful cup of coffee if you don't know how to brew what you roasted. Recognizing this, the Fowlers spent months before launching



Brew Masters
The Fowler brothers, Ward '86 (right) and Lincoln '89, have Milwaukee buzzing about the best coffee in town.

Photograph by Pat Goetzinger

their business, working closely with a Chicago brewing-equipment manufacturer to develop machines and procedures to make reliably strong coffee.

After Alterra opened its first mini-outlet in a shopping mall, customers simply flipped. "What we did was kick the ass of our local competitors," says Lincoln. "It's not like we had any lock on buying good

green coffee, or roasting good coffee. We did, and do it very well. But back then, nobody paid any attention to what happened when you actually brewed coffee, the ultimate transitional step in the process. And we knew how to do that well. So suddenly our coffee tasted tons better than anybody else's, and we just cleaned house."

Alterra continues to work closely with wholesale clients to tweak or update their brewing equipment to make sure the coffee's full flavor comes through; their attention to detail pays off. The company has enjoyed double-digit financial growth every year since it started, and it is the consistent winner of Best Coffee and Best Espresso awards from local press. To supply food to their newest lakefront location, which the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* calls a "model of how to marry historic preservation with 'green' design," Alterra took a big leap last summer, opening a food commissary to supply baked goods to all the cafés.

"You sometimes hear people wanting to shed assets that are not in core competency, or that distract from their core business," Lincoln says. "But we look forward to scaling up even more." Grinning, Ward adds, "I, for one, like to use the expression 'core competency' whenever possible. Using it is one of my core competencies."

They may poke fun at the business lingo that's seeped into their patter over the years, but the Fowlers grow serious when considering how their Middlebury educations affected their careers. "There is no formal training for some of what we do," Lincoln says. "There's no coffee-roasting school, and none of us had any training in management or finance—we've had to make all that up as we go along." On the other hand, says Ward, "the classic liberal arts education we got at Middlebury taught us how to figure out what we had to figure out." He continues, "The organic chemistry professors would cringe to know their labs were a jumping-off point for our research into something as pedestrian as coffee brewing," but that background helped "us in researching the solubility science that is coffee brewing."

When the bags drop, customers grab them to sniff any coffee remnants on the outside.

The brothers roll their eyes at certain demands of proprietorship, but they also realize that running their own business can be fulfilling. After persistent badgering from a member of a local Catholic church with a sister parish in Tenajapa, in the Mexican state of Chiapas, Ward traveled there in 1998 to meet members of the Kulantik coffee-growers cooperative. He initially said he was only going "as a coffee tourist, but after lengthy sessions with the growers, Ward's outlook changed. If Alterra bought coffee directly from the co-op, the co-op would get a better price than if they sold to the "coyote" middle-men who typically ripped them off. And if Alterra bought the coffee directly from the co-op, it would not only get superior organic coffee (the Kulantik farmers have been growing organically for generations) but help insure the co-op's survival. In the deal they eventually hammered out, for every pound of Kulantik coffee Alterra sells, Alterra returns an additional 25 cents above the purchase price to the co-op. To date, Alterra has sent back $150,000 to Tenajapa.

"If we continue down this road, and continue to look into sourcing coffee in a way that helps us develop sustainable relationships with producers that would be even half as successful as [this], to me that would be huge," says Ward.

They're also ecstatic that their new location and the new commissary have enabled them to hire 30 new employees—all at a moment when Milwaukee's economy isn't exactly thriving. "When we got into this, we thought of it on a basic level: running a business so you can make income and raise a family," says Ward. "In the past, I wouldn't have said that slinging latte was a way to build a legacy. But, to me, that we've been able to employ a lot of people is the socially redeeming part."

Louisa Kamps has written for The New Yorker, Elle, Mirabella, *and the online magazine,* Salon.com. *She has known Ward and Lincoln Fowler since they were kids.*

In Search Of

The expedition to locate Arctic explorer Robert Peary was no pleasure cruise.

By Regan Eberhart

In 1901, the Peary Arctic Club sent a relief ship to Greenland in search of explorer Robert Peary, his wife, and young daughter. To finance the mission, the club allowed members to travel along, for $500 each. Clarence Wyckoff, a wealthy businessman from Ithaca, New York, and his close friend, Louis Bement, paid to take the trip. They were expecting to have an exciting yet relaxing experience in the care of professional adventurers. Instead they had to cope with extreme hardships, plagues of maggots and head lice, and a crew so incompetent that it endangered their lives. Necessity ultimately forced them to become part of the crew.

Both men took copious photos and recorded their impressions during the 10-week journey. Their diaries, photographs, and artifacts from the trip stayed in their families throughout the ensuing century. Then 13 years ago, Bement's grandson, **Silas Hibbard Ayer III '56**, and Wyckoff's great-granddaughter, Kim Fairley Gillis, met to discuss the dispensation of their collections. As each looked at what the other family had been safeguarding, they realized they had the material for a marvelous book.

Boreal Ties (University of New Mexico Press, 2002), edited by Ayer and Gillis, is a consummate rendering of Wyckoff's and Bement's work. The fine paper and clean design make it a delight to look at and to hold. Chock-full of photography, it depicts the famous Arctic explorers Robert Peary, Matthew Henson, and Dr. Frederick Cook several years before the controversy about who first reached the North Pole turned them into enemies. And the many mundane and grueling aspects of Arctic travel (hunting bear, butchering walrus on deck, personal hygiene, and interpersonal conflicts) are revealed in plenty of gritty detail.

Although they were amateur photographers, Bement and Wyckoff brought an impressive array of cameras on board, cameras that shot panoramics, 4 x 5 inch pictures, images for slide projection, even a camera that could create an image that seemed three dimensional. They employed various types of negatives, papers, and processing, including the then relatively new daylight-loading roll film. The result are photos that are both surprisingly crisp and interesting.

BOREAL TIES
Photographs and Two Diaries of the 1901 Peary Relief Expedition
EDITED BY KIM FAIRLEY GILLIS & SILAS HIBBARD AYER III

As Ayer and Gillis sorted through their families' respective collections, Ayer says the book "became a labor of love," with he and Gillis working as a team just as their grandfathers had. Instead of choosing one person's entry over another's, they decided to "stack the diaries," using both Wyckoff's and Bement's observations from the same days.

Hence we see that Wyckoff knew they were eating maggots and didn't tell: "I examined closer and found that it really was not rice soup at all. The kernels were maggots. I didn't tell the others as I didn't want to spoil their dinner." And Bement made the discovery a day later: "We discovered the maggots in the soup. We have been eating them for a day or two."

Or, Bement's first impression of the Inuit was dominated by their odor: "I did not know a human being could live and stink so…"; whereas, Wyckoff was more impressed by their kayaks: "They were practically tied into their boat with a band of sealskin, which completely covered the only opening in the boat and came up to their armpits."

Boreal Ties is a fascinating trek into the past, an adventure in its own right.

Photographs by Tad Merrick

Also Noteworthy

THE VERY PERSONAL AND EXTRAORDINARY lives of four people living in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries are displayed in intimate detail in three books.

Quite Ready to Be Sent Somewhere, edited by Tom Ledoux, is a collection of letters by one of Middlebury's early alumni, **ALDACE FREEMAN WALKER, CLASS OF 1862**. Walker is renowned in Middlebury lore as the graduate who strode to the platform in his military uniform to deliver the valedictorian commencement speech immediately before leaving for the Civil War. Freeman's regiment, the Eleventh Vermont Volunteer Infantry, spent 20 months near Washington, D.C., drilling and waiting for battle, finally joining the Old Vermont Brigade in 1864. They participated in all of the unit's battles until the war ended. Walker's letters document nearly every aspect of his life at that time, from the almost seemingly routine deaths of his compatriots, to miserable weather conditions, from training the troops, to the battle plans and their execution. The letters are published as part of the Vermont in the Civil War Internet Project.

Esther Nairn, an engaging writer and vivacious young woman, sailed for Shaoshing, China, in 1910, to teach in a mission school. The letters she sent home and her journal entries throughout her 15 years abroad reveal much about the world she inhabited and her personality, which was characterized by consistent good humor. *A Golden Glow in the East* (Writers Club Press, 2002) is a lively collection of Nairn's writings, edited by her daughters **MARY NASMITH MEANS '46** and Agnes Nasmith Johnston. Nairn experienced and documented a life that most Westerners would never know. She described the usual method of travel—by houseboat or in caravans of sedan chairs carried by men—how it felt to be carried, sometimes through streets almost too narrow for the chairs, the sound of the Chinese language, her own difficulties in delivering a speech in Chinese, and the joy derived from the beautiful countryside and children under her care, as well as the problems caused by the political turmoil roiling China.

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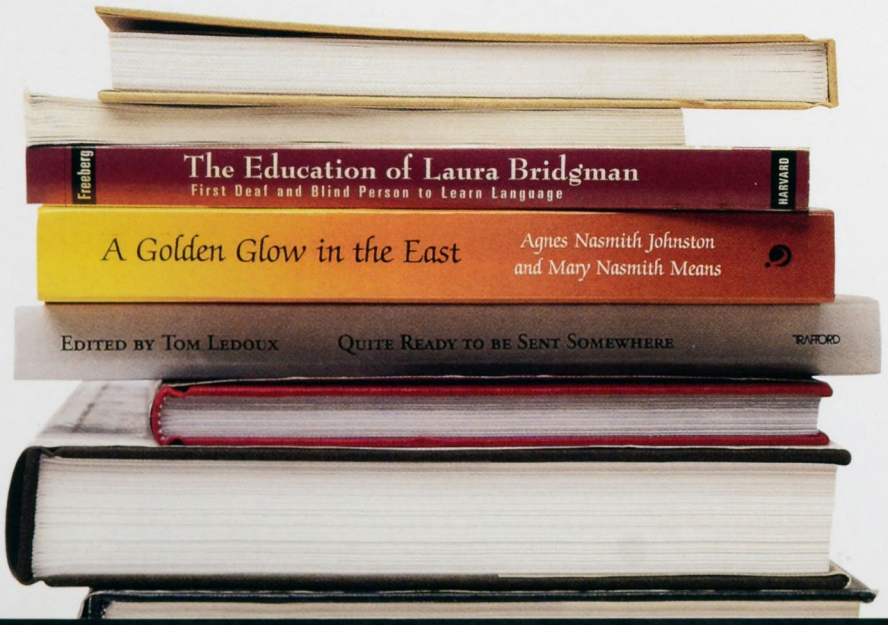
Anyone interested in intellectual and cultural history will be drawn to *The Education of Laura Bridgman* (Harvard University Press, 2002) by **ERNEST FREEBERG III '80**. In the mid-nineteenth century, a philosophical revolution was underway that ultimately transformed American society and its educational system. The Calvinistic tenets of that time, such as the belief in humanity's inherent sinfulness (a belief which relied on corporeal punishment to subdue children's sinful tendencies), were being questioned and supplanted by more humanistic values, rational thought, and scientific inquiry. At the center of the revolution was Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe and his patient: deaf and blind Laura Bridgman. Dr. Howe's novel teaching techniques helped Laura learn to communicate through touch, freeing her from her dark isolation. Despite Laura's many gains, both patient and doctor battled with their own passions and conflicts. As the Victorian age gave way to a period influenced by science and human-centered philosophies, Howe and Bridgman helped usher in an era of enlightenment. Half a century later, Helen Keller was instructed by one of Howe's disciples.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Recently Published

- *Change as a Curved Equation* (Arcade Publishing, 2002) by **DONALD EVERETT AXINN '51**
- *Endgame* (1st Books, 2002) by **KRISTOPHER DANIEL JOHNSON '91**
- *Golfer's Book of Yoga* (Riverway Publishing, 2002) by **DREW GREENLAND '81**
- *Grace Matters* (Jossey-Bass, 2002) by **CHRIS P. RICE '83**
- *The Headmaster's Poems* (Paul S. Eriksson, 2002) by **RICHARD HAWLEY '67**
- *Strangers and Kin: The American Way of Adoption* (Harvard University Press, 2002) by **BARBARA MELOSH '72**
- *Vital Crossroads: Mediterranean Origins of the Second World War* (Cornell University Press, 2002) by **REYNOLDS M. SALERNO '89**

Jim Douglas '72 Has a New Address

A Midd grad captures the Vermont statehouse.

THREE DECADES AGO, **JIM DOUGLAS '72**, just a few months removed from Middlebury College, hoped to represent his adopted town of Middlebury in the Vermont House of Representatives. On the eve of the election, a small group comprised mostly of party officials waited with Douglas and the other candidates in the old town courthouse. After Douglas, 21, was announced the victor, everyone shook hands and went home.

Thirty years and 15 campaigns later, Jim Douglas found himself surrounded by a large, enthusiastic crowd at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, waiting for the results of the Vermont gubernatorial race. The hotly contested race with Democrat Doug Racine was being followed by a national audience; early that night it seemed Douglas had the lead, then the margin dwindled to a tie, and then it rose again. Earlier in the week, polls had predicted a Racine victory; suddenly it seemed as if Douglas might win.

But when the television stations signed off at 1 A.M., Douglas announced to his supporters that the election results wouldn't be confirmed until morning. He was going to bed, and he suggested that everyone else try to get some rest too. The next morning, Jim Douglas woke up as Vermont's apparent governor-elect.

"It was a very different situation 30 years ago," the typically understated Douglas remarked on a snowy November afternoon.

Looking back on his college years, Douglas says that Middlebury and its strong language program lured him to Vermont in 1968. A Russian major, Douglas played an increasingly active role in the Young Republicans Club and enrolled in many political science classes. He "fell in love with the state"—and politics piqued his interest. A few years later he also fell in love with a Middlebury resident, Dorothy Foster. They have been married for 27 years.

Douglas has enjoyed a successful political career, holding a variety of state offices, including house majority leader (at age 25), secretary of state, and, most recently, state treasurer. His only loss was in the 1992 race for U.S. Senate, where he lost to incumbent Senator Patrick Leahy. Through his defeat, he learned that, "life goes on. I've been in public office most of my adult life, but there are other things to do in the world. I've seen people in politics who want it so badly that they are devastated if they don't succeed. I've vowed never to be like that."

Douglas is critical of current Vermont governor Howard Dean and his campaign for the presidency, and he claims that his own future political ambitions will never interfere with his devotion to Vermont. "I've said I promise I won't run for the presidency," he said. "I can't imagine being away that much and getting the job done."

Douglas didn't have time to relax between the election and January's swearing-in ceremony. Campaign offices needed to be shuttered, the office of the treasurer had to change hands, and then there was the matter of assembling a staff. (Douglas appointed Tim Hayward '64 as his chief of staff and head of the transition team.) There were also meetings to attend, including a gathering of all the governors-elect in Austin, Texas.

Although he's in the midst of abundant change, Douglas continues to serve as Middlebury's town moderator, a post he's manned for the past 20 years. When asked if he will still serve as town moderator now that he is governor of Vermont, Douglas smiled and replied, "If the voters will have me."

—Lindsey Whitton '05

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Remembering the Gipper

Frank Sesno '77 was granted unprecedented access to some of the most familiar names in global politics for the *A&E* documentary "Ronald Reagan: A Legacy Remembered," which aired on the History Channel in November.

Over the course of a year, Sesno interviewed Nancy Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev, Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, Michael Deaver, James Baker, as well as many others who knew and worked for the 40th president of the United States.

Among the nuggets of information Sesno uncovered: how prolific Reagan was as a writer; how close to death he came after the assassination attempt in 1981; and how Gorbachev really viewed his American counterpart.

Middlebury Veterans to Gather during Reunion Week 2003

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed. On January 27, 1973, a cease-fire was achieved in Vietnam, and on March 29 of that year, the last U.S. troop units departed South Vietnam.

The year 2003 will mark the 50th and 30th anniversaries of the end of those conflicts, in which numerous Middlebury graduates served and died.

Reunion Week 2003 will include a special reunion of Middlebury veterans to recognize all Middlebury College men and women who served or are serving their country at any time, in war or peace. Particular recognition will be made of those who served during the Korean War (1950–1953) and the Vietnam War (1960–1973).

The reunion will feature an informal welcoming dinner on Friday, June 6, a memorial service with military honors, educational and informational workshops reflecting upon the military experiences of Middlebury men and women, an exhibit of memorabilia and College archival information, a collection of veterans' writings of their experiences, a keynote address, a Saturday dinner and entertainment, opportunities for veterans to connect and share stories, and a Sunday departure brunch.

All veterans of any era, service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine), or length of service are cordially invited to join in this unique gathering.

As planning continues, we seek your suggestions for activities, workshops, and speakers for the program. Those with questions, suggestions or interest in attending should contact Heather Cahill, 802-443-5192, hcahill@middlebury.edu; or Dick Powell '56, 703-743-5173, repowell@erols.com. More details and registration information will be mailed in early spring to those who respond.

MCAA Nominees

For the term of office beginning July 2003, the slate of nominees for Alumni Trustee and the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association is:

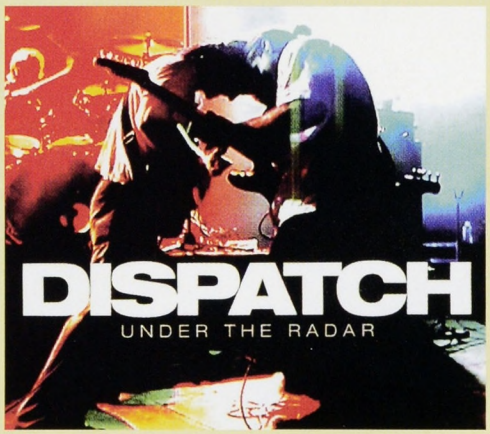
Alumni Trustee
Jed A. Smith '88

Board of Directors
No positions turning over in 2003

To appear in the online ballot this spring, additional nominees must be received in the Alumni Office by **April 1, 2003**. These nominations must include a letter of acceptance signed by the nominee, updated biographical information, a photo of the nominee, and 200 signatures of alumni endorsing the nominee.

Approval of the single slate of nominees will take place during the spring by logging on to the Middlebury College Alumni Web site at www.middleburyalumni.org. If you do not have access to the Internet, please let the Alumni Office know, and a ballot will be mailed to you.

To submit additional names for the ballot or for more information, please contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Programs, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753; phone 802-443-5183; fax 802-443-2082; alumni@middlebury.edu



New Release from Dispatch

The band Dispatch (**Brad Corrigan '96, Pete Heimbold '99, Chad Urmston '98**) has released its first full-length DVD/companion CD called *Under the Radar*, which includes approximately three hours of concert footage, behind-the scenes action, interviews, and in-studio recording sessions, as well as a few bonuses.

Premieres at New York City's Irving Plaza and the House of Blues in Cambridge, Massachusetts, were sold out; other premiere venues included the Red Devil Lounge (San Francisco), the Knitting Factory (L.A.), and the 9:30 Club (D.C.).

Under the Radar includes the sixth CD released by the band. More information can be found at www.dispatchmusic.com.

Bust of Reagan courtesy of reaganfoundation.org

CLASS NOTES

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28 REUNION CLASS

Dear classmates: It seems impossible, but by the time you read this we will be well into our 75th Reunion year. Let's celebrate early! A rap and tap with our canes and a chorus of "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" might be appropriate. We are a remarkable group, and we need to celebrate each day. If you can travel to Middlebury for reunion, June 6-8, 2003, the College provides accommodations for us on campus, in close proximity to all the festivities. Call the Alumni Office at 802-443-5183 with your questions. ✷ It is a joy to report that **Elizabeth ("Lib") Stoughton Westfall** has been found and is fine. She has moved to the Fairway, Apt. 439, in Rydal, Pa., near her daughter's home. She enjoys receiving calls at telephone number 215-886-1797. She is adept at navigating her wheelchair, but is faithful to the facility's prescribed walking regimen. She enjoys the special events and concerts at the Fairway and reading is a great pleasure for her. Some of her *ten* grandchildren are retiring, so she anticipates visits. ✷ I wrote in my last column about my conversation with Dr. **John Hoyt** at the time of his 95th birthday in June, so it was a shock to hear of his death on August 11. John joined our class in 1925, having prepared at Chicopee (Mass.) High School. Mathematics was his joy. A Phi Beta Kappa at Midd, he was a graduate student and later a teacher at Gettysburg College, Pa. He was an assistant prof. of mathematics at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1946 until his retirement. He was a lieutenant commander in the Navy from 1941 to 1946. He married Carol Beardsell, who survives him, in 1933. It was an honor to have him in our class (except for the math "twisters" he sent me) and our sympathy goes to Carol, daughter Beverly, and sons Peter and Paul. ✷ **Harriet Grant Seaward** died on June 22, 2002, two months after her 96th birthday. Harriet came to Midd from West Rutland, Vt., High School. Friendly and full of pep, she played on our class teams in track, basketball, volleyball, and baseball. She was a member of the Dramatics Club and French Club, and played in the orchestra. She was a member of the merry Weybridge House group and a master cake baker, while seriously preparing to be a teacher. She first taught at Westford (N.Y.) High School, and then at Lancaster (N.Y.) High School. She married Edgar S. Seaward in 1931, and Lancaster became her permanent home. We send our sympathy to her children, Jean and Grant, and their families. ✷ I appreciate the letter from Barbara Totten Perkins '54, telling me of the death of her mother, Mary Totten. **Al Totten** and his wife, Mary, were our Midd 1928 reunion dance champions, enjoying every reunion until Al's death in 1985. Barbara writes that her mother was also a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. They were a perfect pair. Their three daughters, Barbara, Deborah, and Jean, five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren survive her. ✷ Thanks to my Elderhostel roommate, a resident of Springfield, Vt., for sending me clippings from the *Springfield Herald*, which covers Middlebury College events very well. I can hear about events like the current art exhibit, "Looking Back at Vermont Farm Security Administration Photographs, 1936-1942," part of "the most telling documentaries of America during the Roosevelt Era," according to the news report. What a coup for Vermont historian Nancy Price Graff '75. Proud of 1928, Mimi

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978-369-5595).*

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Secretary Saulnier reports: Activities are more limited nowadays than formerly, but I continue to attend conferences that promise to be interesting, work on my "Notes on the Economy," and enjoy friends and family here in Chestertown. I'd much like to hear from 1929s.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

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Our classmates must still be away on summer retreats at the time of this writing, for I have little to report. **Nathalie Lewis Emery** has checked in with personal news that she is still living at Menno Village in Chambersburg, Pa., "with the help of a friend, who is a nurse." She adds that "though legally blind," she "can enjoy some reading, with the help of my magnification machine." She also sends greetings to the "surviving members of our fabulous class." ✷ Your secretary can report a wonderful trip "downeast" to see old friends and once again sail the sparkling waters of Penobscot Bay, while visiting Isle au Haut. ✷ In early October, I had a nice note from **Philander Bates** on Cape Cod. Phil writes that the summer hordes had departed and peace had returned. Phil still lives independently at home, drives his car about the town, and still attends church choir rehearsals. Pretty good record for a man approaching his 94th birthday!

—*Class Secretary: Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com), 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

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Welcome news from **Elsa Smith Beardsley**: "If I were at Midd right now, I'd be playing field hockey! I am living in a beautiful retirement home south of the Springs (Colorado Springs) on a ridge overlooking Bear Creek Park. We see many deer here and an occasional bear." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Belle Ingalls Leighton** on August 28. A class officer of many years standing, she was married to Guy Leighton in Mead Chapel in 1935, with the president officiating. An oil painting of Mead Chapel hung in their living room for more than 50 years.

33 REUNION CLASS

Our 70th Reunion takes place June 6-8, 2003. The College provides accommodations for us on campus, in close proximity to all the festivities. Call the Alumni Office at 802-443-5183 if you have questions, and watch your mail for more Reunion 2003 details.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.*

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It is with sadness that we must report the death of class secretary **James Fechheimer** on October 7, 2002. The sympathy of the class is extended to Helen and all the family. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **John Reilly** on July 26 and **Sands Burchard Robart** on August 28. ✷ **Aaron Schefkind** and wife Chris are the proud parents of daughters Judith Schefkind and Joyce Neri, and they have six great-grandchildren. Aaron and Chris are spending the winter in Pembroke Pines, Fla., where they would love to see friends. ✷ And we close with a quip we can all appreciate from **Rosemary Faris Baer**: "Once I wrote that I was pear shaped. Now I think I'm chair-shaped. Where did all the hill-climbing energy go?"

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We have lost another classmate. **Vera Ruby Brooks Knapp** died on June 23. While at Middlebury, she was active in the Tempo Club, which at that time often presented Friday night musicals in the Chapel. In her freshman year, she was part of a group of archery enthusiasts, though apparently they did not compete with other teams. Our class sends condolences to Vera's family and friends. ✷ Your class secretary has been experiencing the ups and downs of Lyme Disease. The summer season was hot and dangerously dry. A 33-foot well that 200 years ago was sufficient for a family of six, is bone dry. It will take weeks of rain to raise the water table to a normal level. The lack of news

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from classmates is getting discouraging. We can at least share the tricks we use to cope with the inconveniences of growing older. Send me a card or letter and I'll share your news with our class. —Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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Rosamond Bishop aptly begins: "How nice to have a sheet of paper, a stamped envelope, and three people who know how to renew class spirit!" Her letter is one of a welcome avalanche of notes from our 1936 classmates. We are using some in this column, and the rest in succeeding columns. Rosy continues: "I only attended Midd two years before going to art school, but I snatch at the Middlebury magazine when it comes. Its revelation of the impressive changes and expansions of our College never cease to amaze me." Rosy stopped driving a year or so ago and has hired a very accommodating taxi driver as her "chauffeur." Rosy has some parting advice for anyone afflicted with depression: "Get interested in some mystery or detective novels. Something engrossing to think about. And a few prayers wouldn't hurt any of us." She closes with "Cheers!" ✳**Roxana Lewis Blackmore** is in good health and expects to return for our reunion in 2006. That's the spirit! Roxie remembers what a great experience Middlebury was in 1932-1936. More so, perhaps, because we had been experiencing the Great Depression. She recalls being one of the lucky ones to find work after Middlebury, teaching 8th grade English in her home town, with 40 students in each section. ✳**Mary Williams Brackett**, now permanently settled in Scarborough, Me., was touring Europe with a friend this fall, allowing extra time in Italy before traveling on to South Africa. We salute Mary and **Dick Chase** for their many years of great work as our class agents, raising money for our annual gifts. **Dick Hubbard** has now taken on that task. ✳**Dick Chase** writes: "Anne and I are adjusting to apartment living, since our move from Westmoreland. It was difficult leaving our country home, but we're fortunate to have son Don, his wife, and our granddaughter occupying it. We are still active in the Westmoreland United Church and I'm a regular attender at the Keene Lions Club." Dick no longer plays an instrument in the Westmoreland Town Band, but he is now their narrator. "For our Christmas concerts, I'm doing *The Polar Express* with the band background." ✳**Harmony Buell Cobb** wrote while she and Raymond were being visited by "some Scottish relatives of my first husband, Jim Cooper. They leave for Aberdeen tomorrow, quite satisfied with the golf courses they have played and the scenery here." She closes with best wishes to classmates: "Come and see us and Ray will 'shuck' some famous Wellfleet oysters for you." ✳Rita Dempewolff recalled that Middlebury had a special place in **Dick**'s life. "As for me, Dick's dear friends and I bonded at first meeting and I never felt like an outsider." Rita has been reading *Two Years on the Yangtze*, by Peter Hessler. Like many classmates, Rita says she "strongly protests going to war with Iraq, if it can possibly be avoided." ✳**Evelyn Poppel Gerard** has been traveling. "Last spring I went to Guatemala with my lady doctor. She was brought up there—her father was a coffee plantation supervisor—so she knew her way around. We visited the Indian festivals and it was hard to resist their colorful ware. It was the time of Easter religious parades and the cobblestone streets were hard to walk on for one with a gimpy leg—but I managed!" Despite her travels, Poppy claims, "It seems all I do is count pills and try to remember to take them! But so long as I can put one foot in front of the other, I won't complain." ✳**Dick Hubbard** wishes to "thank all of the classmates I called who made their monetary gifts to the College for year 2001. My wife, Vera, had a stroke on January 31, 2001, and a second stroke in March. She passed away on July 11, 2002. I enjoyed the company of **Gus Brooks** at the fall Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf campus in September." During the Sunday service at the Congregational Church in town, Gus and Dick remembered hearing the names of all our classmates being spoken, diploma by diploma, 66 years ago. ✳We regret to report the death of **Gordon Hoyt** on October 2. Gordon had a lifelong love of music and was an accomplished musician. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. —Class Secretaries: *Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadow, Barre, VT 05641; Mrs. Margaret Leach Harris, 516 W. River Rd., Lincoln, VT 05443; and Miss Louise E. Hutchinson, 149 East Side Dr., #351, Concord, NH 03301.*

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Although she does not normally wear hats and feather boas, **HELEN ABEL BROWN '23** made an exception for her 100th birthday celebration at the Chamomile Cottage Tea Room in Raleigh, N.C., last July. Before retiring in 1971, she was the head librarian at St. Mary's College in Raleigh, where she now lives in a retirement community. Helen has traveled extensively, has enjoyed reading for the Radio Reading Service for the blind, and taught English as a second language to many adults.

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Retiring class secretary Hopkins reports: **Robert** and **Ruth van Sickle Robinson** and **Margaret Sherholz Delfausse** attended Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September. They also visited the campus and attended the dedication of Ross Commons, which they felt must really be seen to be appreciated. During the summer, the Robinsons had a pleasant visit with **Muriel Jones Corbett** in Ithaca, N.Y., and said she was "looking great." After 27 years in Venice, Fla., **Muriel** (Juno) moved back to "snow country" (330 Bella Vista Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850) to be near her son and other family members. Juno recently visited **Doris Cutting** and **Lois Bestor Craig**, who are residents of Wake Robin. ✳After some 20 winters in Florida, **Jean** (Moe) **Wilcox Day** and Rudy are also thinking of braving the cold. They plan to make their Randolph, Vt., home, their year-round residence. ✳At 89, **Pete Frohock** writes that he is still able to do "most everything" and is very thankful for every day. His wife, Ernestine, is recovering from a broken hip and showing great dexterity with her walker manipulations. They have wonderful memories of her being guest organist at Chartres Cathedral in France for a commemoration of the Nazi withdrawal. ✳**Caroline Elliott Dorst** sends "best wishes," but writes that she has been very busy with many changes since the loss of her husband. ✳A bittersweet letter from Harold Frasure tells of **Cay Branch Frasure**'s death on September 13, after a long and courageous battle with strokes and congestive heart failure. After 53 years of loving togetherness, Harold maintains that it was her brains and his muscles and their complete devotion to each other that made their marriage so wonderful. Harold is now relying on the help of daughters Betsy and Nancy, to go on with his life. ✳Furn (**Ruth Furness Lombardy**) writes that, although she moves a bit slower, she still gets around. No longer driving, she is lucky to have "younger" friends to take her to church doings, bridge, and Somerville Civic League affairs. Furn is also an avid reader. Son Ned '62 has been very ill, but the "old Midd spirit" keeps him going. He and his family live nearby and visit often. Her other son, Steven, lives with her, making it possible for her to stay in her home. As she puts it, in her very positive approach, they "make a good team." ✳Gordon and **Mary Lance Osborn** recently moved to 3114 Williamson Parkway, Marion, IL 62959, where they are closer to sons Jim and Randy. Although Gordon is blind and wears two hearing aids, they both feel fortunate to be living in a nice apartment near pleasant neighbors their age, and are happy to be well and together. ✳**Elizabeth Vanartsdalen MacArthur** is very thankful for being healthy and active—swimming, dancing, doing volunteer work, etc. She enjoyed a wonderful summer month in Maine, a great change from the heat and humidity of home. ✳We were sad to learn of the August 14 death of **Mildred Moore Sheehan**. Many of us remember her well and are very proud of her many accomplishments as a research chemist for E.R. Squibb and Co., where she continued to work part time until the age of 86. ✳**Marshall Sewell** keeps busy in his retirement community, writing "day trip" travel stories in an all-volunteer local newspaper. The severe summer drought ruined his gardening schedule, but allowed him to swim almost every day in the village pool. ✳**Dottie Mathison Scott** suffered an attack of severe bursitis of the hip shortly after returning home from reunion. After treatment in the hospital

and home therapy, she was able to walk again with a cane. ✳ **Kay Stackel Leonard** regretted that she couldn't attend our reunion, but she visited Middlebury later in the summer, en route from Virginia to her grandson's wedding on an island in Lake Champlain. She was astonished at the growth of the College. With so many newer and larger buildings on the campus, "Le Château seemed so much smaller than when I was there," she wrote. ✳ **Walt Brooker** has signed up again as a class agent, and wife Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40 is doing the same for her class. Walt found traffic conditions in his hometown of Middlebury to be quite frustrating during the summer, while the old covered bridge was closed for repairs, making his drive from the College to his home on the east side of town a lengthy process during the tourist season. ✳ I (**Barbara Gregory Hopkins**) am sorry this will be my last secretarial attempt. I have loved hearing from all of you, and I will miss that. The time just comes when coordinating details for the news becomes a bit overwhelming for this "old gal," and I have begun to depend more and more on others for help. Please do keep sending in your bits and pieces of news to Marshall. Enjoy our memories of "times when," and keep the flame burning.

—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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Dear Classmates: You may often ask why there is such a long time between your secretary's deadline for submitting news and publication of our column. The answer is that *Middlebury Magazine* is not like a daily or weekly newspaper. The class news cannot be reported the minute after it happens; there are more than 70 columns to be carefully checked and edited in each issue. I have enjoyed writing our columns, brief as they may be, but *please* do send your news either to me or directly to the magazine (Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753) before the quarterly cut-off dates of January 10 for the spring issue, April 1 for the summer issue, July 1 for the fall issue, and October 1 for the winter issue. ✳ Speaking of dates, it is not too soon to start planning for our 65th Reunion, which will be June 6-8. As the year progresses you will be learning more about the activities we can anticipate as we return to the College on the Hill. The College provides accommodations for us on campus, in close proximity to all the festivities. Call the Alumni Office at 802-443-5183 to find out more. ✳ A phone call from **Polly Overton Camp** was greatly appreciated. Polly keeps in touch with **Jean Hoadley Dudley, Betty Osborne Peelor**, and **Louise Hoyt Short**. Polly and Louise were able to get together with Jean, when Louise was in Connecticut visiting her sister during the summer. Polly had hoped that she and Louise might drive up to visit **Helene Cosenza Chase** and **Betty Gates Tuttle** at Kendall in Hanover, and then on up here to see **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** and me here at Wake Robin. However, Louise's stay up north was not long enough for them to include such a trip. How very much we would have enjoyed seeing them. ✳ **Florence Hulme Miner** spent a short time at their camp on St. Albans Bay in July. We had hoped to get together for our usual summer visit, but it did not work out. ✳ As I am writing this on September 28, we are looking forward to a visit from Dale and **Janet Randall Morgan** in two weeks. It was good talking with Marjorie Kohr Lovell '39. She said that she and **Sherb** are glad to be living at home and continue to enjoy life, even though they move at a slower pace. Does that sound familiar? ✳ Congratulations to Marjorie and **Richard Rose**, who celebrated their 60th anniversary with family at their home in Mendon, Vt., on October 15. Marjorie, a 1942 graduate of Connecticut College, and Dick were married in Connecticut College Harkness Chapel the day after Dick was commissioned second lieutenant at Engineer Officer Candidate School, Fort Belvoir, Va. ✳ **Elisabeth Osborne Peelor** writes: "Life has slowed down, but we love to ride through country roads, exploring and finding out-of-the-way places for lunch. It is very hard to realize that our 65th is coming up soon, and hopefully many will be back. One good thing about longevity, we have many, many memories and so many things to remember about Middlebury: lots of good friends with whom we try to keep in touch, the beautiful campus, good professors, Winter Carnival, undefeated football team in '36! Hope to see you all in '03!"

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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Catherine (Kay) Andrus Fessenden attended Midd for two years, then transferred to Oberlin, where she met husband Russell. They spent many years of government service in Europe—France, Belgium, and Germany. They had four children: Anna (who lives next door to Kay in Ashfield, Mass., and has two children), Helen, David (two children), and Jean (four children). Grandfather Fessenden was a country doctor in Ashfield for many years. Many vacations were spent there, and it has become a home for many in the family. Kay is doing very well after a pacemaker operation in July. Best wishes for continuing good health, Kay. It was great to hear about your interesting life. ✳ **Ruth Coleman Skinner** had a very elegant lunch at her home, with guests **Louise Roberts Avery, Jeanette Olson Gould, Dorothy Korb Carter**, and **Virginia Orde Church** and her husband, Vail. The conversation got around to freshman year, and all the memories had us laughing our heads off. On the way home, Louise took Jeanette on a tour of the redone Avery Lake Morey Inn. It is just beautiful, with indoor and outdoor pools, extensive landscaping, redecorated and additional rooms, and facilities for small and large events. So if you are considering a Vermont vacation or have a wedding or other celebration in the offing, get in touch with Louise (e-mail at www.lakemorey resort.com). ✳ **Jeanette Olson Gould** has sold her house and was preparing to move to Boxboro in late November. "What a business this moving is—especially after accumulating stuff for 25 years. What a strange time of life this is!" ✳ **Virginia Orde Church** has made contact with another Orde from Nova Scotia, who read the Orde name in the obituary for Ginnie's sister, Eleanor Orde Reid '34. The Churches were looking forward to furthering the extensive genealogical work being done on the Orde family when they visited Nova Scotia in the fall. ✳ We regret to report the deaths of **William Herrmann**, **Mary Pierce Mosher**, and **Mary Ladd Hair**. The condolences of the class are extended to all their families. ✳ **Ruth Coleman Skinner** and **Jeanette Olson Gould** recently met **Bertha Waite Markland** and Bill '41 at a halfway point, where they had the opportunity to enjoy and admire the very professional album of their 60th wedding anniversary celebration put together by their children. Each stage of their life had its own computer-devised background with superimposed snap shots. There were many Middlebury references, and we had a wonderful time remembering. We also saw their congratulatory letter from President McCardell, which the Marklands will frame and hang in their home. ✳ After a summer at Willsboro, N.Y., **Beverly Browning Gilbert** was happily ensconced in her Wake Robin apartment in Shelburne, Vt. Her son and two daughters live nearby in the Burlington, Vt., area. Last summer the girls took Bev to Maine for a visit with her third daughter, who lives in Waterville, Me: "We had a wonderful time." ✳ **Roger Thompson** is well and enjoys a yearly trip with his sister and her husband. They often go to Myrtle Beach, but this year they were going to San Francisco and from there to Henderson, Nev., to visit his sister-in-law and her husband. Roger has a son who lives near him in Love Park, Ill., and a daughter who lives in Green Bay, Wis., where they are enthusiastic Packer fans. ✳ **Louise Roberts Avery** and her son, Allen, have made a gift of the first endowed chair to the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic in Lebanon, N.H. It will be called the Louise R. and Borden E. Avery Endowed Clinical Chair in honor of Dr. Stephen K. Plume. Dr. Plume, who operated on Borden twice, in 1980 and 1993, "definitely prolonged my father's life," Allen Avery said. Congratulations and thanks to you, Louise, and to your family for this wonderful gift. We are so proud of you for your many efforts on behalf of the community.

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ORVILLE T. SINCERBOX '23 celebrated his 102nd birthday on September 2, 2002, at home in Hamilton, Ontario. He and wife Marie have two children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Before retiring in 1965, Orv was a store manager for S.S. Kresge Co. in the U.S. and Canada. He has traveled through the U.S. and Europe, and enjoys summers at the family cottage in Port Elgin, Ontario. Orv looks back on his days at Middlebury, where he studied with brother Ralph E. Sincerbox '21, as some of the best in his life.

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Retiring secretary Marjorie Burditt Striker reports: The high point of the summer for Anne and **Almy**

Coggeshall was attending Alumni College at Bread Loaf. "We have been going to Alumni College for a number of years, but this year Almy's attendance meant that the Class of '40 became the oldest class represented there. We both took "Religion and Conflict in the Middle East," a timely topic if there ever was one. It was presented by Prof. Russell Leng, who did a masterful job of bringing out the tangled and turbulent history of the region and how it led to the present situation." ✳A note from **Hazel Phelps Stannard**, mistakenly omitted from the last issue, reported that she was just about to have a piano recital for her students. She approved of the idea of a fall reunion. ✳**Alice Atwood Spaulding** and a friend spent eight days in Europe, four each in Berlin and London. They stayed in a small hotel in London's Piccadilly Circus, and did a lot of walking in both cities. In late June, Alice flew to Spokane to visit relatives, then flew to Boise, Idaho, to visit son Roger and his wife. ✳"I edit and proofread ESL materials," writes **Talbot Hamlin**. "I thoroughly enjoy nitpicking!" He reports that he "much enjoyed the '41 Reunion last spring, thanks to Bill Hallock '41 and two Midd students who cornered us to talk about the College as it was in our days. During the summer I had a great hour and a half visit with Storrs Lee '28 at his year-round house in Pemaquid Point, Maine. He told me he had had a visit from President McCardell earlier in the summer and was much impressed with him." ✳**Jean Sweeny Hancock** expresses her thoughts about the state of affairs in the Middle East, as well as the question of war and its possible effects on oil supply. ✳From **Jim Smith** came a report on the trip he and his wife took in June to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks. They ran into a variety of weather, from springlike days to five inches of snow. ✳**Bobbie Carrick Brooker** is no longer with B.B. Real Estate in Middlebury. She and Walter attended his 65th Reunion last spring and said "it was a good one." ✳**Dorie Keffer Kinsey** speaks of their town of Oriental, N.C.: "This is a fishing village. There are hundreds of Mexicans working here in the crab factories." She works with young women, teaching them English. ✳**Charles Rumbold** described some of the complications involved in assembling family from California and North Carolina at the home of an elderly aunt in Vermont to celebrate her birthday. He noted that it takes three planes to get to Burlington, Vt., from Fresno, Calif. ✳For those who have not added to the column in a while, please send comments on your activities or thoughts about the College. Many classmates would value a bit of news from you.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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Charlotte Miller Karr, who has taken several Elderhostel trips over the years, recently took a harbor cruise in Boston. She works one day a week at her senior center and spends two summer weeks at her camp at Biddeford Pool, Me. ✳**Elizabeth Stratton Loomis** and her husband are considering moving to a continuing care center. She enjoyed a recent family reunion, with 35 family members. She keeps in touch with **Caroline Butts Dodge**. ✳**Dinny** (Denise) **Peloquin Coenen** looks forward to each issue of the magazine and reads the class notes first. She can't walk as much as she used to, but says, "Thank God for bridge and crossword puzzles, which keep the mind going!" She has three children and six grandchildren. ✳**Elsa Norgaard Cullen**'s husband, Paul, is having a "really rough time," but fortunately is in the skilled nursing unit of their retirement community. Their three children live nearby, and she enjoys their grandchildren. She reported that Ed and **Peggy Waller Glazier** were taking a trip to Norway in September. Elsa keeps in touch with **Sue Milholland MacArthur**, who continues to live in her South Harpswell, Me., home. Sue is taking a course in poetry at the Senior College in Bath. One son lives in California, the other nearby in South Portland. ✳**Becky Becker Elefante** had major surgery in August, with complications that kept her in the hospital until September 10. Meanwhile, Michael was in respite care. Several of the residents at Collinswood have children who are Middlebury alums, which creates a common bond. ✳Roth (**Helen Rothery Higbee**) reports that "'02 was much better healthwise than '01." With her cancer in remission, she continues to help with the housework in her home, where she lives with her daughter and son. ✳Now in assisted living, **Barbara Babcock Pfeil** is quite frail. She finds it difficult to keep in touch with Middlebury classmates, but has been in contact with Caroline Dodge. ✳**Adele Marshall Phinney** is caring for husband George '37 (the Middlebury golf pro for many years). In Middlebury, son Bertram '73 is associate director of admissions and son George Jr. '68 owns Phinneys Paint & Decorating. Grandson Brian Phinney '05 plays lacrosse and hockey. Adele herself plays golf, "when I have the time." ✳Laddie (**Edith Ladd Evans**) is happily situated at Myrtle Beach. Although she has not moved, her address has changed from a box number to 4307 Beverly Ct., 29582. Her annual Elderhostel trip with **Alice Noppel Knight** took them to Lancaster and the Pennsylvania Dutch country this year. For over 70 years, she has spent time each summer at Wilson Pond, Me. Her children all live in North Carolina. Alice and **Shirley Metcalfe Handforth** get together frequently, as both live at Sun City Center, Fla. ✳The special summer event for B. (**Barbarba**) **Grow Grim** was attending the wedding of a niece at Chelmsford, Mass. She regretted missing seeing **John Hicks** when he came east from California in August. ✳Grimmy (**Edith Grimm Miller**) was enthusiastic about her summer by the lake in New Hampshire. She continues to get "a kick" from the yearly Middlebury invitations to return for alumni field and ice hockey games. ✳After a stroke in May, **Connie Girard Brown** says she's doing well, except for a persistent dizziness which tests have failed to explain. We hope this problem has been solved. ✳Shaubie (**Margaret Shaub**) and Alice Atwood Williams '40 attended a recent party at Wake Robin and visited with several of the Midd alum residents. ✳**Betty Wolfington Hubbard** and her two daughters managed to clean out her cellar and garage in preparation for an eventual move. In August, Betty and daughter Debby had lunch with the Burbanks. ✳This fall, **Jean Connor** attended two conferences for poets in Woodstock, N.Y., and gave her third poetry reading at Wake Robin. In August, Ruth and Packy enjoyed a visit with Jamen (**Frances Jane Hayden Trask**) at Wake Robin. Ruth has kept busy with family events and keeps up with her own painting. In September, she and Packy attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, along with Westie (**Helen West Burbank**). Packy enjoyed a week's family reunion at Cape Cod, where she had all six of her children together for the first time in several years. Westie and husband Jack '41 had a pleasant visit with Ed Morse '40, a retired physician living in the Camden-Rockland area of Maine.

—Class Secretaries: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), 4106 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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As you can see, we are attempting to follow a fantastic act as class secretaries. There are very few alums from any class that have been so faithful and effective for such a long time as **Jack** and **Nancy Rindfusz Bates**. We all owe them more than just a "thank you and well done," but what more can we do? They should get a personal note from every member of the class, recognizing the contribution they have made for over 60 years. ✳But on to the present. **Charlie Beach** is taking our place as class agent, and will need all of the help that we can offer. If you are willing and able to help with notes, phone calls, or fund-raising suggestions, get in touch with Charlie. The publishing of addresses and phone numbers is frowned on, but are available from the Alumni Office. In September 2001, Charlie and his companion, Joan, were in the air on their way from Europe to New York when the events of 9-11 diverted them, along with many other in-the-air flights to Gander, Labrador. Needless to say, Gander was not equipped to handle such an influx, but with the volunteered housing, meals, and hospitality of local inhabitants, all were somehow taken care of until their flights were rescheduled. So, this year on September 11, Charlie and Joan took off for an 11-day visit to Southwest England and Wales. Unusually beautiful weather and an enjoyable visit with no complications. While in Cardiff, Wales, Charlie participated in a three-hour overseas conference call. ✳We are doing our usual things, perhaps at a slower pace: various volunteer activities and all the rest of normal home duties, visits with children and grandchildren. All of these things keep us busy. For news we rely on your input, so keep us informed with post cards, phone calls, Christmas cards or e-mail, which we love. If the news seems stale at times, remember that there is a three-month lead in time for class notes. We are writing this on October 1, with our fall foliage just starting its annual show, for publication in what will probably be received by you during a January snow storm. That's all for now. Keep in touch.

—Class Secretaries: *Philip and Betty Blanchard Robinson (probinson410buff @aol.com), 410 Buffington Rd., Syracuse, NY 13224.*

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REUNION CLASS

Most of our classmates have moved from place to place a bit, but **Anne Willis** is living in the same 12-room house in which she was born and grew up! She has, however, traveled widely. She's now volunteering at the library and garden club, is corresponding secretary of the Woman's Club, and works to support the Visiting Nurse Association. She's driving for friends, also—a calling many of us have. ✳Over the years, **Peggy** and **Dumont Rush** have raised 10 Labrador retrievers to the age of 16-18 months. They continue to be involved with Guiding Eyes for the Blind, but their commitment will no longer include raising them. Raising the puppies required training, socializing, and exposure to every kind of situation—a full-time job! ✳**Rachael Swarthout King** has left the family farm to become an apartment dweller. But that doesn't mean she isn't active. She keeps busy with quilting, painting, sketching, reading, and swimming, as well as driving for

friends who are unable to drive. ✳ **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports that she and John had a dream vacation in May: "Paris, Giverny, Mont St. Michel, and the castles in the Loire Valley, plus cathedrals in Rouen and Chartres—absolutely breathtaking!" ✳ You may recall that **Warren Hassmer** has achieved considerable renown for his gardening and landscaping efforts in Truro, Mass. On invitation, he wrote an article for this year's annual Provincetown garden town booklet. It was a summation of his 15 years of gardening efforts along the Pamet Valley in Cape Cod. ✳ **Bill Hawkes** finally won first place in the annual Mount Washington bicycle race. At least he won first place in his *class*, which was for racers 80 years or older. Bill adds that there was only one other competitor in his class. His time was a bit over two hours. ✳ The class of '43 was well represented at the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, September 13-15, with **Bob** and **Ann Cole Byington, Skip Wilkin Dimond, Loie Groben Doe, John Gale, Bookie (Helen Bouck) Hildebrandt, Ginny Clemens Lowman, Peggy** and **Dumont Rush**, and **Marty Newton Van Gaasbeck** making up the official delegation, with Bill Doe, Rod Lowman, and **Bob Rude** in the support echelon. At the Saturday evening dinner, Skip was called upon to present the awards to various classes, noting their success in annual giving—for highest percentage participation, for the most returning alumni for the reunion weekend, and to one class agent for the "most exemplary work" on behalf of the College—a task which she performed very ably indeed. ✳ That same weekend marked the beginning of planning for our 60th Reunion, coming up June 6-8, 2003. If you haven't already recorded these dates in your DayTimer or your Palm Pilot or whatever, do so today. If you didn't get to recent reunions, this will be the one not to miss, with a full schedule of events for those who so desire, but plenty of time for renewal of old friendships and reminiscing for those who choose to be less active. See you there!

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We are sorry to report that **Don Roberts** died on August 20 in West Palm Beach, Fla. While at Middlebury he was best known as lead trumpet player in the "Black Panthers" band, along with **Pete Harris**, Hugh Mathews '45, and others. Who can forget those happy evenings in McCullough Gym! ✳ A wonderful letter from **Hal Parker** was filled with reminiscences triggered by articles he had read in a recent issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. They were so interesting we decided to report on two this time and the rest in the next issue. Hal saw a picture of Frank Piskor '37, taken at their reunion. Frank is the retired president of St. Lawrence Univ. Hal commented, "He was on my doctorate committee at Syracuse and his late wife was my wife's dean of women at Syracuse as well." He said he had suggested Piskor for president of Middlebury, but he had already accepted the position at St. Lawrence. Hal was happy to see the Middlebury lacrosse team had again won the NCAA championship for its division. "I was the first paid faculty coach (1950-53). We played seven games each year—most away, due to snow on the ground until May in Middlebury. I like to think that our earliest teams set the pace for these later successful years of national championships." ✳ Two days before his 80th birthday, **Stoddard Johnson** climbed the Forest City Trail of Camel's Hump in Vermont, with his daughter. At the Montclair Glen Lodge, they found that Eliza Collins '00 was in charge. ✳ **Shirley Earl Banta** and her husband went to Bolivia last winter to visit a family whose friendship had begun with an exchange student in 1974. They were taken on a six-day trip through the Andes, visiting rain forest, jungle, Inca ruins, and mission churches. ✳ After 32 years, **Lois Hoffman Blittersdorf** turned in her real estate broker's license to direct her energies into the Pittsford Historical Society, serving on the committee that published *Pittsford's Second Century* in 1997. She has five children (four of whom live in Vermont), seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson. ✳ We were happy to hear from **Ferd Ensinger**, who still has an active business life, now in his 22nd year with the Bigelow Co. Ferd recently addressed the football squad at Holy Cross, stemming from his friendship with the athletic director there. Through a corporate client, he met Ted Williams in 1984 and subsequently became "family close," often visiting with Ted in Florida and Canada, and at the Williams home in New Hampshire. He noted that Ted Williams hit his first new England home run in an exhibition at Holy Cross. ✳ Through Ferd, we also received news of his brother, **Lew Ensinger**, who is retired and living in Connecticut. He dotes on his two talented daughters, one a Phi Beta Kappa from Williams, the other a Ph.D. from Duke, both pursuing successful careers. ✳ **Pat Rutan Boucher** sent news of the remarkable Midd Round Robin, still going on, after losing many of the originals. Several participants are still going strong. **Bibbie Dixon Morton** sells real estate in Florida and summers in New England. **Sally Curtis** is still busy in Vermont. **Ruth Child La France**, who lives in Ohio in summer and Florida in winter, is still doing a lot of traveling and continues her art work. **Thirza Benedict Wales** lives in California and also still travels. **Jane Stearns Brown**, who lives in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., volunteers at local greenhouses and writes poetry. Pat Boucher herself has eased up on playing golf and traveling, due to a back problem, but she writes that she continues to garden. She also wrote: "Now that I'm almost 80, I have a granddaughter, Madeline, who is 3. Most oldsters talk of great-grandchildren. Not I!" ✳ Our thanks to those who responded so quickly to our letter. If you didn't get one, you will later! Thank you, also, for the kind words re: our tenure as class secretaries.

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Secretary **Alan Wolfley** received several responses this time! ✳ **Hugh Mathews** writes that he and Rachel divide their year evenly between Connecticut and Florida, with a bit of travel added to the mix. Hugh, who enjoys good health, has reintroduced himself to the tenor saxophone. He now plays lead sax in two "big bands" and a small jazz improvisation group. How many of you remember the original Black Panthers orchestra? Hugh played the sax and **Jon Izant, Phil Vinall, John Holliday** and **Howard Quirk** were also members. Memories! Close your eyes—you can still hear those sweet sounds! ✳ Since his 70th birthday, **Rod Grant** has been enjoying retirement at Sun City Center, Fla., following 45 years in the practice of optometry. Rod represented the third generation in the business, which he has now passed on to the fourth, a niece. Rod and Felicia like to travel, most recently a trip on the Danube River: "We managed to get to Prague just as it was sustaining the worst flood in 150 years." ✳ **Mike Mann** and Helen continue to enjoy their retirement home in Slingerlands, N.Y. Mike, who recently joined the "pacemaker's club," indicates all is still well. ✳ After 79 years, **Gordon Mathews** reports that he has learned that "old age is not for sissies and the concept of golden years is a dream." His youngest son finally decided to get married (at age 40) and now has a son, carrying on the Mathews name. Gordon laments that "Bonita Springs used to be a quiet little town," but has now grown to become a city, much to their chagrin. ✳ Secretary Percy reports that Avery '46 and **Peg Rowland Post** attended Peg's 60th high school reunion in New Jersey in September. En route home to New Hampshire, they stopped to visit Avery's brother and wife, who had just moved to Covenant Village of Cromwell. Hopefully I (Percy) will now see Peg and Avery more frequently than every five years! When I greeted John and Gloria Post at Covenant Village, Gloria looked at my name tag and said, "I knew a Charlotte Hickcox in Watertown, Conn., many years ago!" We had grown up in the same town and hadn't seen each other for more than 60 years! ✳ Another surprising connection with the past is reported by **Mew Wisotzkey McClellan**. She and Bruce went to Middlebury on July 26 for the "ArtHop" with Sabra Field '57, including a book signing and an exhibit of her work at the Center for the Arts. Mew loves Sabra's work and is grateful to **Paula Knight Jeffries**, who first called her attention to Sabra and her art. Dining later at the Waybury Inn, their hostess turned out to be Kate Fitzpatrick '03, whom they had known as a child when they were at the Lawrenceville School. (They have been retired 15 years now.) "Her father, Allen Fitzpatrick '78, chaired Lawrenceville's art dept., and her mother, Sally Tracy Fitzpatrick '78, is on the admissions staff. Allen discovered his artistic talent while at Midd, where Kate is majoring in art history." Mew and Bruce visited **Dottie Laux O'Brien** at her Manchester Center, Vt., home on September 27. What a great spirit continues to inhabit that little dynamo! A wide range of discussion topics included the opening of a nearby museum for Robert Frost. Peter Stanlis '43 was the guest speaker, having contributed much of his Frost memorabilia. Dottie's big summer accomplishment was painting a huge seascape for her son's family beach-house in Ocean City, N.Y. Dottie continues to write her column, "Double Take," in the Manchester *Journal*. ✳ Win and **Barbara Boyden Wetherbee** enjoyed the four-day American Carousel Society Convention in Colorado last June. After seeing seven carousels in Colorado, one in Kansas, and two in Nebraska, they visited granddaughter Karen in Denver and took the cog railway up Pike's Peak. ✳ **Manny Bailey Allen** reports that Bob has recovered so well from his five-way bypass of three years ago that he plays tennis almost every morning. Manny plays a few times a week. Last summer they drove to Vancouver, and boarded the *Universe Explorer* for two weeks, and took a seaplane to see grizzlies feeding on the salmon run. ✳ Please note that the fifth character in Al Wolfley's e-mail address is a ONE, not the letter "l."

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In the summer 2002 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*, there were several letters published in praise of Dean Erica Wonnacott, who passed away in March. One of these was written by Mary Hamilton-Homer '82, the daughter of **Sheila Schmidt Rowland**.✳The Class of 1946 sends condolences to **Jean Luckhardt Robbins** on the June 19 death of her husband, Lewis. Jean reports that she has a new address: 75 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055. Two other Middlebury alums also live in the same community. They are Ann Robinson Hitchner Walker '45 and Barbara Verdicchio Britten '47. They enjoy a special friendship, with Middlebury as the great bond.✳Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Jane Billings Webb**, who died on August 27.✳We have received word that **Marion Roberts Klaisz** passed away from pancreatic cancer on September 28. Her husband died last July. The class extends condolences to her family.✳**Rebecca Frazer Cremer** attended her 60th high school reunion recently, as was previously reported. After visiting with children in Sonora and Modesto, Calif., she toured New Zealand and Australia for a month. Then it was back to Hawaii, where she enjoys family, golf, and the weather.✳**Janet Kasper Taylor** is teaching at a private school for dyslexic and A.D.D children. She is nearly finished writing a book about the history of mathematics, which will be used by math teachers in middle schools. A busy lady, she teaches an adult education class, swims, and walks about nine miles a week. Her greatest pleasure this past year was a trip to Big Sur with her two daughters.✳**Norman Sweet** writes that he has retired from professoring—teaching at the SUNY at Oneonta, writing about writing and mathematics—and is now learning how to live, "sans payant plus de son besoin." (French majors will have to give us a hand here!)✳**Mary Caswell Jones** reports that last July she attended her grandson's wedding, which took place at her daughter's home in Waitsfield, Vt.✳**Kay Craven** continues to make good use of her timeshare and has swapped weeks in several other U.S. locations. She recently spent a week golfing in Woodstock, Vt.✳**Phyllis Hewson Evans** has been busy planning a wedding for her son, John. **Gloria Antolini Keyser** and **Nancy Rathgeb Smith** were among the invited guests. **Joanne Davis Hohmeister** had to miss the big event, because of a scheduled trip to Florida.✳In our previous column, we reported that **Mary Nasmith Means** has been involved with her sister in the publication of a book of letters written by Mary's mother while she lived in China. Mary is pleased to report that the book, *A Golden Glow in the East*, by Agnes Nasmith Johnston and Mary Nasmith Means, has been published and is available from Barnes and Noble, Borders, and Amazon.com. This has been a labor of love for over 11 years, and we send our sincere congratulations to Mary on this accomplishment.
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A quiet summer following our big 55th Reunion brings brief news of several classmates.✳A recent work mission of 12 church members took **Jean Gunther** into Cherokee Territory in Oklahoma, at the end of the Trail of Tears, where group members worked on repairs and additions to the homes of Native Americans. Doubting her own skills with saws and hammers, "Gunth" bravely volunteered to do everything related to meals. She planned, shopped, cooked, and served all meals throughout the time of the work mission, returning home to Virginia, tired, but satisfied by all that had been accomplished.✳**Jean Mace Burnell** has been involved with the task of downsizing and moving. Having sold her Seattle home, she bought a smaller one at 1919 E. Calhoun, Seattle 98112.✳A letter received after our reunion brought greetings from **Eunice** (Tunie) **Goodfellow Ratnaike** to classmates, from whom she hopes to hear, as she was unable to attend Reunion from California.✳**Jeannette Atkins Louth**, who was also unable to attend Reunion, reports a cruise last spring to Costa Rica and Panama, with her first-time transit of the Panama Canal. She commented especially on the beauties and natural resources of Costa Rica.✳Wearing a golden blond wig, **Marion Durkee Stillman** (whom we called Scottie) took part in her local Fourth of July parade wearing the label "Miss America 1960!" She did this for the Council on Aging—and she looked terrific! "I always wanted to be a blond," Scottie commented.✳**Shirley Ayres Tilden** signed up for a Spanish conversation class at Middlebury last summer, and drove down regularly from her summer residence on Lake Champlain during July and August. Bravo, Shirley!✳**Virginia** (Jinny) **Stowell James** also kept active at her Maine coast cottage, preparing two outbuildings for renovations as separate studios for writing and artwork. As always on the popular Pemaquid Peninsula, many visitors kept her summer interesting and busy. While in New Harbor, Me., she called on W. Storrs Lee '28 and had a fine visit. She was thrilled to receive from him a signed copy of his book on Gamaliel Painter. "A great read and great source of information."✳**Ernestine** (Steeny) **Rolls Pepin** and Andy were given a surprise party in Newport, Vt., for their 50th anniversary. Children Laura, Nancy, and Jim arranged it and invited classmates **Jean** (Tag) **Taggart Lindblad** and Carl, **Ruth** (Britt) **Britton Gore** and Bob '49, "Doc" **Carl Needy**, and **Lynn Bruhn**, plus Dave '49 and Perry Maurer Thompson '48, to celebrate with them. Congratulations!✳**Lynn Bruhn** sent news of the Vermont area group's planned luncheon in October at Middlebury. This is a great tradition, which could also be possible in other areas where there are several classmates.✳We regret to report the death of **Frederic Van de Water** on May 11. A memorial appeared in the fall issue.✳Our Class of 1947 Scholarship recipients, now in their senior year, include a double major in economics and mathematics and a psychology major with a possible minor in Italian. Please remember, as we continue to support our Class of 1947 Fund, that our commitment builds an important source of scholarship assistance for worthy candidates in need of that help. Let's keep the 1947 Fund growing!
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REUNION CLASS

We were having difficulties with our e-mail connection recently, but our son has hopefully cleared that up, so we welcome messages from our classmates.✳**Roger** and Virginia Dunn '49 **Beach** report that their 20th grandchild began walking recently, at the age of 10 months! They also report: "Our oldest grandson married a Japanese girl he met on the Net."✳**James Van Wart** writes that he is "still traveling (most recently Turkey, Hungary, Austria) and still doing PR for the Nature Conservancy, as well as guiding interpretive walks."✳**Rasjad Moore** (formerly Lynn Moore) reported in recently from Australia, where he lives with his wife, Asmah.✳We regret to report the death of **William Kerr** on May 26. A memorial appeared in the fall issue.✳We are also sad to report the death of Bob Townsend, husband of **Ann Townsend**. She writes that he "passed away in July, after a short bout with pneumonia. Since he took early retirement, we had 17 years together here in Hawaii, where he became very active in the local Society of Mayflower Descendents." The sympathy of the class is extended to Ann and her family.✳**Livia Remmler Rosman** writes that she and Dick "drove cross country in June, from Berkeley to Bethesda, Md., to visit our daughter and grandson, then on to Vermont for the Remmler reunion in East Grafton. Went over the mountain to Middlebury several times during the week. Always great to be back in alma mater environs. Hope to make it back for the 55th Reunion." Great news, Livia. And we hope you will *all* plan to make it back!
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Virginia (Gee) **Anthony Soule** recently returned from "the most fabulous trip of my life—to Svalbard, Norway, 600 miles from the North Pole. After Midd, I remained a lover of the frozen north, but *this* eclipsed my two trips to Alaska. Twenty polar bears on the pack ice, walruses, reindeer, tiny arctic wildflowers on the tundra, endless glaciers and snow-topped mountains, pure virgin wilderness untouched by man—all this while cruising in luxury on a Lindblad Expedition ship and going ashore by zodiac. Just pure heaven!"✳Tony '50 and **Cleone Jones Sporborg** were off to their favorite haunt again: Scotland.✳**Pat Allen Guthrie** got together last winter in Vero Beach, FL, with **Ann Holt Watkins**.✳We regret to report the recent loss of three of our classmates. **Priscilla Thwaits Garcia** died on June 29, **Charles Stewart** on July 3, and **Thomas Mariner** on August 17. The condolences of the class are extended to each of their families. Sympathy is also extended to **Elizabeth Andrews Woodruff** on the July 20 death of her husband, Lloyd R. Woodbury.✳Former Ambassador to France **Felix Rohatyn** was in Middlebury on October 11 to give a lecture, entitled "American Democracy: Freedom, Fairness and Wealth." For more, please see related story on page 14.✳This year the Class of '49 Fund is once again an important source of scholarship assistance at Middlebury. Two students are presently receiving assistance from our fund, one a physics major and one a double major in history and Japanese. Both are doing very successful work at Middlebury, and we can all be proud of assisting them.✳Our classmate, **Gordie Perine**, who did so much in support of Middlebury during his long career there, died on October 21, at home on South Street. We will all have many memories of Gordie to share. In the meantime, memorials appear elsewhere in this issue.
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Secretary Burdett reports: From Calgary, **Lou Laverie Bresky** informs us that husband Dushan has completed the third volume in his trilogy, *Literary Practice*. Lou, his "lay editor," says that it "analyzes the eternal lure of human conflict, the erotic, the comic, the fantastic. It's not for Oprah." Sons Ed, a

lawyer, and Luke, a teacher, are doing well; and Lou describes her life as "suitably frivolous."✳**Ginny Ringo Cleary** writes: "Beyond home and family, a thread runs through my life. It's travel. We always spent my father's vacations driving. On our last trip, in 1940, we visited the remainder of the 48 states on a trek from New Jersey to California and back. During the years spent concentrating on the Cleary family, we were involved mostly in 'destination' travel,' skiing in many places, researching Cleary ancestry in Ireland, and once visiting Hawaii. Ten years ago I started traveling with Elderhostel. By the time I'd 'Elderhostled' to Canada, Europe, and nine different states, I was happily on my way to seeing those 48 states as an adult. Now I travel with a friend. Smithsonian has taken us to the Canadian Rockies and Cornwall, National Geographic on a Scandinavian cruise, Tauck Tours to the California coast, and the National Trust to Paris next spring. Ideas come fast; we'll be on the move as long as possible. Another thread has been my attempt to jog my memory by means of journal writing. My first travel journal, when I was 12, reported what we ate, where we ate, and all the 'Burma Shave' rhymes from East to West. My written memories of Ireland resemble weather reports. However, thanks to my Telephone Company training, I discovered that a journal already existed. My large spiral notebook contains dates, people to call, responses to questions. There are reminders of almost every event in my life: calls to travel agents, moving companies, inns, friends, and relatives. Every notation opens a chapter. All the small bits of my history add up to a very satisfactory whole." ✳And from **Claire Dufault Wilson**: "In July 2000, I sold my house in Wellesley Hills, where I had lived for 41 years, and moved into a town house in Wellesley center. And from here I see things with a new perspective in more ways than one. My neighborhood has changed; my role has changed; my activities have changed; and I have changed. It now seems to me that my life was programmed from the beginning. Momentum propelled me in a pretty clear direction: college after high school; obligatory self-sufficiency after that; marriage; three children; homemaking; part-time employment; empty nest with full-time career; and, finally, retirement. My marriage had ended years earlier, so here am I, single, floating free. I think the first decisions I've made entirely on my own authority have been selling the big family homestead and choosing another place to live. Since then, it has been one continual experience of self-determination and self-discovery. Without obligations and without dependents, I'm suddenly on my own, needing to make all the choices and decisions. It has proved to be a challenge, fraught with some anxiety, to take actions on my own. But it is also rather intoxicating, after all these years of predicted pursuits and negotiated compromises. I'm free, and I'm accountable. Of course, I'm lucky to have been spared disabling calamities. Many are struck down by circumstances beyond control before they get to this point; or worse, just when they get there. I have devoted families and friends all around, and I am sustained by these connections. But we elect our interactions now, and they seem even better by being voluntary. I'm living in the present, and I'm enjoying it."
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The Class of '51 was well represented at this year's Alumni College, held at Bread Loaf over Labor Day weekend each year. It was nice to see Joan and **Don Axinn**, **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming**, **John** and **Helen Reid Gilmore**, and **Will** and Carolyn Bennett '61 **Jackson**, all trying to expand their knowledge about various worldly matters in a very abbreviated period. Soon after this event, the Gilmores traveled to Italy, returning just in time for Helen to begin another year teaching music at Northfield Mount Hermon School. ✳We had two classmates participating in the 2002 Gordie Perine Golf Tournament, **Ed Higgins** and **Tom Jacobs**. We understand that we can be proud of their performances. ✳**Jane Hyde Christopher** continues to enjoy working with CareShare Exchange in Atlanta. She recruits volunteers to help the elderly earn points for services they can do, in exchange for services they need. She and husband Ted are always happy to go back to New England for a visit. This past September that included stops to see family, Middlebury (especially the Sabra Field '57 exhibit), and **Ed** and **Jean Maintain Higgins** at their vacation home in Rockport, Mass., where their 50th wedding anniversary was being celebrated. Jane and Ted passed that milestone the previous year. ✳**Jo Overlock Hoffmire** said she is now working with an illustrator for the two children's books she has written. After living in California for over 40 years, she feels she has become a true Westerner. Always enjoying connecting with Middlebury friends and regretting not getting to our 50th Reunion, she especially enjoyed getting together for lunch with nearby classmate **Bill Stewart** and his wife Peggy, when **Lee Webster McArthur** and husband Bob stopped by en route from Hawaii. ✳The condolences of the class are extended to the family of **Hilario (Larry) Sierra**, who passed away June 17, 2002.
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Secretary Cahill reports: I had the fun of running into Middlebury people several times during the summer. John and **Carol Holmes Phillips** were at a Boston parade, where I was politicking with my son, Michael '83. Bob Woodbury and his wife met me at my church in Beverly Farms one Sunday, while they were revisiting his roots during the month they spent at a family home in Essex, Mass. Finally, while attending a reception for a friend's son, I met a whole group of Middlebury alums from the class of '94, celebrating the marriage of Dr. Christine Young '94 to my friend's son, Dr. Michael Todd. ✳Jim and **Jane Rupp Cooke** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer. Jane felt really proud of winning Marblehead Race Week in her sailboat in Town Class, while Jim came in third after seven races with eight boats in the race. For two weeks in July, they hosted one of their Swedish exchange students, with his wife and two young children. ✳Peter and **Ruth Eldridge Race** spent their summer in Maine, with a pleasant day in Boothbay Harbor on Ed '51 and **Liz Loemker Furber**'s boat. They also went to Quebec City for three days for the Unitarian-Universalist General Assembly. ✳After taking an Elderhostel bike trip in Denmark during July '02, **Carol Holmes Phillips** writes that they signed up for a bike trip in the Tucson area in November and another in Germany for May '03. "Daughter Ann's family gave us a new bumper sticker: 'Our second car is a bicycle.' Had a great June hike into Lonesome Lake Hut (run by the Appalachian Mountain Club) to celebrate my recovery from surgery for stomach cancer in April." ✳A call to **Priscilla Norman Forschler** found her well. She had planned to make reunion, but was unable. A recent knee replacement has helped her. She enjoys working at a local homeless shelter, run by daughter Kathryn. Priscilla is still lucky enough to have her mother at age 100! ✳Secretary Davis reports: **Dick** and Suzie Simmons '54 **Daily** are still living in Indianapolis. Dick has joined the growing number of classmates who do nothing but play golf, fly airplanes, and talk too much about the past. In other words, he has finally retired. He, Suzie, and daughter Kathy were sighted at South Dartmouth, Mass., having a long lunch with **Joe** and Ann Golding Davis '53. ✳Four members of the class participated in the annual Gordon Perine Alumni Golf tournament at Middlebury in early September. Carrying the banner for '52 were **Wally Crowell, Sue Goyne Crowell, Dick Day**, and **Joe Davis**. About 24 people from the classes of 1951 to 1953 stayed at Bread Loaf. Somebody remarked that this group seems to go to bed a little bit earlier each year.
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REUNION CLASS

The Yearbook Committee, composed of **Dick Allen**, **Ann Golding Davis**, **Biffy Darling Sherburne**, **Jean Overhysser Arneberg**, **Pat Hamilton Todd**, **Ann McGinley Ross**, **Nancy Hamilton Shepherd**, **Roger May**, and **Link Furber**, recently spent several days creating the 50th Reunion Yearbook. What fun we had going over old issues of *The Campus*, yearbooks, and other memorabilia to select what we hope are representative memories of our Midd years. By now you should be enjoying your copy, which we hope will spur you even further to return in June, to renew old friendships and perhaps make some new ones. ✳Congratulations to **Patricia McKenna Goedicke**, who is the recipient of the Helen and Laura Krout Memorial Ohioana Poetry Award. Patricia continued her studies with W.H. Auden at the Young Men's Hebrew Association in NYC, then graduated from Ohio Univ. in 1965, with a degree in creative writing and poetry. She was an instructor in English at Ohio Univ. until 1968. Now teaching at the Univ. of Mont. in Missoula, she is the author of 12 books of poetry, most recently *As Earth Begins to End*. ✳**Millard Davis** writes: "We drove to Tacoma and back through Colorado Springs, 6,520 miles in 17 days, taking more than 1,200 photos. Two articles (plus one by wife Carol) and a long poem are due out in *Wildflower* magazine. We also took granddaughter Christina (13) with us to Cornell (my M.S. in 1958) for the Northeast Regional Master Gardener Conference." ✳**Guttorm Berge** has retired as president of Swix Sport International. He writes, "I am still kicking and enjoying my trout fishing in the Norwegian mountains, and reindeer and moose hunting." Guttorm entered Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., with a ski scholarship, then transferred to Middlebury, then completed Harvard Business School in 1956. He now has a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. He sends "Best regards to everybody!" ✳As you will have realized from your recent mail, Middlebury and

your class have begun planning the details of our 50th Reunion. We have already received some great ideas from classmates about activities that will lead us down Memory Lane. The 50th Reunion is super special and the College does such a great job of making everyone feel really back at home. We hope all of you are planning to be at Middlebury in June—especially those of you who have never attended a reunion! We really look forward to bidding you welcome! Fill out those questionnaires and get them back as soon as possible! We will be in touch!

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Secretary Ryan reports: More news from all over from the class of '54! ✳**Roger Chapin** headed to Middlebury in October to pick up his Alumni Achievement Award. Congratulations, Roger! As the founder of several organizations (RetroFit America, Help Hospitalized Veterans, Help Disabled War Veterans, Americans United to Conquer Disease), and as president of Citizens for a Balanced Budget Amendment, Roger gave a lecture during

On August 28 Peter '53 and Cecily Mattocks Marshall hosted a '54 get-together at their house on the Cape. Those present included Gus and Sally Robinson Boardman, Marty and Dick Buckingham, Judy and Dick McCoy, Dick Bourbeau and Jane Montgomery, Fred and Lesley Harper Miller, Dick and Jean Tibbetts Pentland, Bob and Barbara Totten Perkins, and Jim and Peg Cooper Heald.

Homecoming weekend on "Common Sense for the Common Good."✳**Phyllis Nolte Grootemaat** says that all is well in Naples, Fla. After moving 14 times with husband Tom (he worked with oil companies), they settled some years back in Ft. Myers, Fla., before moving to Naples. They took up sailing and sailboat racing while in Oklahoma and north Texas, and continued racing and cruising in Florida. They have been traveling (Panama, Costa Rica, the Galapagos), do some scuba diving ("but only where it's warm") in the Bahamas, and do some flying (Tom is an instrument rated pilot). Their immediate family of three children is spread across the country in Texas, Kansas, and Arizona. Phyllis has not been back to Middlebury since graduation, so we will have to work on them for the 50th! They are a real asset to the group!✳I recently spoke with **Wayne Daniels**. After suffering some minor problems in one eye, he is back working as a flight instructor in Colorado, always an exciting area in which to fly. ✳**Bob Gleason** says he is finally getting out of *almost* all of the volunteer jobs that he has been doing in Middlebury since retirement—not an easy task for a man as capable as he. I'm sure he and Betsy (Heath '58) are asked to do everything, and I'm equally sure they do it extremely well!✳Emily and I have been doing some traveling to the Pacific Northwest, where we had never been: Seattle, the Olympic Peninsula, Victoria, and Vancouver. The weather was magnificent, the rain forests superb. Interestingly, much of the newer architecture of Vancouver closely resembles that of Hong Kong and Shanghai, probably not surprising as more Asian money is being used to develop western Canadian properties. And, of course, I had to make the obligatory pilgrimage to Oshkosh , Wis., for the annual fly-in of the Experimental Aircraft Association. With some 12,000 aircraft (some 90 years old, some 9 hours old), there's a little something there for everybody!✳That's all the news from Texas! Keep those cards and letters coming. And remember, stay involved, stay active, stay connected!✳Secretary Nickerson reports: **Eleanor Chapin Cousins** writes from Maine that she and Slim were invited to lunch at John and **PK Kelly Sadler**'s summer place on Lake Mequnticook in Camden in late August. **Chuck** and **Maureen Kane Steinecke** came over from their summer house in Winter Harbor, and Paul and **Mary Moreau Cowan** arrived from their cottage on Vinalhaven. A good time was reportedly had by all! ✳**Jaycee Cole Miller** and I (Whit) visited Middlebury (from Jaycee's cottage on Lake Champlain) in July to view the Sabra Field '57 exhibit which was "awesome! She truly captures the Vermont landscape."

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We regret to report the sudden death of Patricia Opler, wife of **Ed Opler**, on July 30. The condolences of the class are extended to Ed and daughter Julia '88, son Ed '93, and all the family.

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Another mini-reunion in Florida is being planned for February 2003. **Judy Tichenor Fulkerson** has once again kindly offered her house on Sanibel Island as a meeting place, with space at her home and the neighborhood for folks to stay overnight if they drive a long distance. If you are going to be in Florida and are interested, call **Bill** or **Joan MacKinnon Houghton** at their Ohio number (440-708-0497) in January and we will put you on the list for details. Last year 23 '56ers had a great R and R day at Judy's.✳**Hull Maynard** claims that there is nothing new to report, yet writes that he is rebuilding from the fire. At this writing we have not been able to determine what happened, but evidently his B&B burned and he and Taffy (Joanna Taft Maynard '58) are living temporarily in a log home on the back of their property. Hull was running for a fourth term in the Vermont Senate. Good luck on both counts, Hull.✳As board chairman of Gloucester's Wellspring House, **Lucy Boyd Littlefield** is up to her elbows in an exciting project to adapt an old Lepage's Glue factory to 75-100 units of affordable housing. Lucy, who sold high-end real estate in Weston for many years, writes that in many ways this is a lot more rewarding.✳Now retired as a Ford dealer in Exeter, N.H., **Henry McFarland** has written two children's books. He had a book signing party at Barnes and Noble in Newington, N.H., in October.✳**Sy Marchand** has also retired; he spends some of his time auditing courses at Princeton. His wife is the mayor of the Township in Princeton.✳For news of **Brad Sargent**'s retirement, please turn to the class of 1959 notes.✳**Ron Lawson** (new e-mail address laws803@aol.com), retired from government service in September, was "taking up a contract job with the U.S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany, beginning in December. I am being recalled to USAREUR to serve as chaplain in the Heidelberg community. Will be there at least a year, probably longer. Regret I will not be at the reunion. Blessings, greetings to all."✳At the Los Angeles Loyola Law School, **Jack McDermott** continues to teach and travel with his arbitration team. Jack writes that he "has no plans to retire—at least not voluntarily!"✳**Phil Derick** has a new job with the Boston Red Sox. Out of a pool of 3,500 applicants, he was "selected as one of 25, to serve as a Fenway Ambassador, working out of the public relations department. Phil spends much of his winter with **Gail (Knight)** on the west coast of Florida, near Sarasota, attending the Red Sox spring training. ✳**Maureen Craig Seamans** went to her 50th high school reunion and seems to have struck up a great friendship with a former classmate. She is moving to 3032 Nathanial's Green, Williamsburg, VA 23081, but since she will still be working periodically in Cambridge, Mass., she will retain an apartment there.✳**Leigh Updike Johnson** spent "a couple of wonderful days in Vermont in July, researching for a paper I will be giving to a local Indianapolis club I belong to. **Mo Mower Tasse** and **Jeanne Savoye Breeden** accompanied me as I walked the trail, visited Frost's cabin, and then stopped by the campus." While she was there, Leigh saw Pardon Tillinghast, who was his usual fast-talking, charming self.✳**Jody Newmarker Crum** manages to continue teaching 4-H foods and judging at county fairs in between travels. Trips this year included Alaska and the Canadian Rockies.✳**Judy Phinney Stearns** divides her very active life between Bridgewater, Vt., and Glastonbury, Conn. Husband John is involved in building the remaining sections of the Catamount Trail, a 300-mile ski trail that runs the entire length of Vermont. They also have a maple sugar house in Vermont. In Glastonbury, where much of her family still live, Judy is still active in politics and the YMCA. Judy reminds us that it was 50 years ago that we were just entering Middlebury. **Mona Meyers Wheatley** attended the first-year student convocation on September 8, 2002, at Mead Chapel on behalf of our class. As the class of '06, over 500 strong, marched up the hill, it was somewhat poignant to recall that 50 years ago we too were first-years.

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Last summer, **Betsy Brigham Barnett** took a 4.5-month trip through the eastern U.S. and northern Rockies. Her trip encompassed numerous national parks and other scenic areas, and concluded with a six-day canoe trip down the North Fork of the Flathead River, Glacier National Park's western boundary. Along the way, she caught up with

Pat Stafford Rodriguez, **Mary Ellen Bushnell**, and **Mimi Dickey Smith**—and attended our 45th Reunion. ✳ Welcome news arrived from **Marion Perkins Harris**: "Besides regular babysitting for two wonderful grandsons, tutoring English to speakers of other languages, and working as a natural history guide at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, music is the joy of my retirement. We have been to Tom's symphony concerts and my daughter's Tanglewood festival chorus contests. We have traveled to the Republic of South Africa and to Cuba with our traveling chorus to spread good will." ✳ **Norman Ingham** writes: "A visit to the Middlebury campus and a call on Prof. Pardon Tillinghast last summer stirred my memories of the College. I continue to teach Russian literature and culture and general humanities at the Univ. of Chicago, but expect to retire to my home in Massachusetts in a few years." ✳ In Belfast, Northern Ireland, **Jane Ross Ludington** ran into **Hugh Marlow**'s brother, Peter (a Williams alum), who works for the National Trust in Northern Ireland. Jane was with husband Charles, a prof. at the Univ. of N.C., who was delivering a lecture in Belfast. ✳ In the afterglow of our 45th Reunion, classmates who live or vacation in New Hampshire gathered in late July at the home of Pete and **Gail Parsell Beckett** in Henniker. Enjoying a glorious summer day were Maurice and **Sylvia Griswold Dow**, **Glen Graper**, **Wayne** and **Pam Clark Reilly**, Broadus and **Betsy Mathewson Bailey**, Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson**, and **Mary Ellen Bushnell**. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Communiity at www.middleburyalumni.org.)
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"Retirement is wonderful!" according to Lawrence '57 and **Helen Dickey Curtis**. "This summer we took our sailboat *Reverie III* from Lake Champlain through the Champlain and Erie Canals, Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan, and left her in Racine, Wis., with almost 2,000 miles under the keel. Next summer, we'll come home the mostly Canadian route—North Channel, Georgian Bay, Lake Ontario, and St. Lawrence River." ✳ **Scott Greer** was "looking forward to the second winter with wife Maggie at Pinnacle Port in Panama City Beach, Fla., where I have become the resident pro. Extended my student span last winter with an 89-year-old woman in my tennis clinic." ✳ In the summer of 2002, work by **John Cross** was included in the outdoor exhibitions at Chesterwood and the Berkshire Botanical Gardens in Stockbridge, Mass., as well as on the grounds of Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. An exhibition of his recent sculpture opened at the Maiden Lane Exhibition Space in NYC on November 6 and runs until February 16, 2003. This selection of works "continues Cross's intricate investigation of the dialectic between nature and culture, form and transformation." ✳ Since cutting back on her professional work in psychotherapy, **D.A. Sweeney** reports that she has "more time for painting and am now doing pastels. Was pleased to have a seascape juried into a show last spring at the Southern Vermont Art Center in Manchester. The Fiddlehead Gallery in Bennington has several of my landscapes, right on Route 7 if anybody is traveling this way." She looks forward to seeing many classmates in the spring. ✳ And we also look forward to seeing many of you in the spring. Remember our 45th Reunion is June 6-8, 2003!
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Enjoying a gala benefit for the Middlebury Town Hall Theater were Betsy Heath Gleason '58, Bob and Shirley Whitney Juneo '58, and Mary Jo Champlin, mother of Jeff Champlin '95.

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A 1959 mini-reunion during the 2002 Homecoming Weekend, October 18-20, brought together **Carolyn Parks Behr**, **Ellie Bliss**, **Millicent Fairhurst**, **Anne Martin Hartmann** with George, **Dick Hofmann**, **Lucy Paine Kezar** with Randy, **Dan Kirby**, **Bob Luce** with Bea, **Buddy Parker** with Barbara, **Granthia Lavery Preston**, **Bob Ray** with Polly Philbrick Ray '60, **Priscilla Ferguson Stauffer** with Larry, and **Bill Wemmerus** with Sandy. Buddy Parker and Bob Ray had a very special reason—besides our mini—for being on campus that weekend: Celebration of the Dissipated Eight's 50th anniversary (along with the 40th of the Mischords). The D-8 had been in existence only three years when our class arrived on campus; amazingly, all eight of the original group attended. All returning D-8s and Mischords performed in an energetic, harmony-filled Saturday night concert in Mead Chapel. The mini got underway Friday evening with cocktails and dinner at the Waybury Inn, where it was easy for us to get reacquainted and relax into a pleasant time together. Most stayed at Bread Loaf, where the College made cozy accommodations and terrific breakfasts available at a reasonable rate. Saturday dawned rainy, windy, and cold (sound familiar?), but an intrepid group enjoyed a walk on the Robert Frost Memorial Trail, down the mountain from Bread Loaf. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.) The '59ers then went in different directions, having a great choice of athletic events, lectures, plays, and art exhibitions to attend around the campus. Bates was the visiting team for most athletic competitions, and went home winless. Yea for Ol' Blue. We reassembled at 5:00 for a '59-only reception and dinner in the Freeman International House dining room. President McCardell paid us a visit, spoke briefly about the College, and took some questions before Hugh Marlow '57 good-naturedly hustled him on to his next appearance. The early dinner allowed us to get across campus to Mead for the anniversary concerts at 7:30. Sunday morning was the end of it all and it had indeed been good. The president and every other College employee or representative we met made us feel welcome. It was truly a warm Homecoming on a cool, beautiful, Vermont fall weekend. As for the College, there's still plenty of the Middlebury we knew, now expanded upon from that classic core. The spaces are vast, the newer buildings are big, but architecturally integrated, and the objectives are more ambitious than ever in all areas. As we write, a magnificent new library is rising below historic "Old Stone Row." The College is still a jewel in the mountains, a jewel that's increasingly attracting some of the best and brightest from around the world. This reporter (**Bob Luce**) knows of a current first-year from Minnesota who chose Middlebury over Harvard, even as a Harvard legacy, strictly on its merits and fit for her. Yea again for Ol' Blue. ✳ Brad '56 and **Ruth Haynes Sargent** (rbsargent@earthlink.net) retired in September '02 and moved from the east coast of Florida to Florida's west coast, just south of Venice and Sarasota. Their son and daughter and other family members are nearby. Ruth writes: "Brad is still consulting in college admissions and traveling quite a bit, so he's not *really* retired. We're celebrating 37 years of residing in Florida! Hope to fish a lot soon." ✳ **Fred Twitchell** writes: "I have just retired after 33 years of service to the Thacher School in Ojai, Calif., and have moved off campus to a real life. Retirement is even better than it was cracked up to be. Much more time for golf, travel, and grandchildren." ✳ **Fred Swan** and wife Pat recently attended the 45th reunion of the Student Conservation Association in Grand Teton National Park. This organization was founded in 1957, and Fred writes that he believes that **Ailene Kane Rogers** and **Barbara Hart Decker** were in the 1959 group. The Swans participated in an Elderhostel cross-country ski trip in Quebec. Other travels took them to England and to Orleans, France, where they found the house in which they lived after their marriage, in 1962, when Fred was stationed there in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. They celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 24! Fred says he hopes to see us at our 50th reunion, but we hope he will also attend our 45th, coming up in 2004! ✳ **Don Woodworth** reports that he and wife Earla attended #27 Alumni College weekend, August 28 to September 1—another stimulating experience, as we struggled with the topic "Religion and Conflict in the Middle East." Prof. Russ Leng '60 taught the workshop, with guest lecturers representing both the Israeli and Palestinian positions. Presentations were well balanced, discussions were lively, and the hoped-for solutions/answers are "to be determined." Once again, the Alumni College experience is well worthwhile, and being at Bread Loaf is an added plus! ✳ As attendees of the Middlebury Veterans Reunion in June 2000, Don and **Pete Erbe** report that it was a unique and moving experience. Writing to inform all Middlebury veterans that Dick Powell '56 is organizing another Veterans Reunion, they recommend and encourage all Midd vets to attend on June 6-8, 2003!
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Paula Hartz died at home in Montclair, N.J., on August 19, 2002. Our class and Middlebury have lost a great friend. The cancer which she had battled since 1986 invaded her spine and then her brain.

Paula was a freelance editor and writer, having written seven books for *Facts on File*, and at least one for *Cliff Notes*. Since the 1950s, she had spent summers in Silver Bay on Lake George. Her friends knew she had a gorgeous garden, a deep knowledge of wildflowers, and could answer any plant question. She was an accomplished painter in water colors, especially of flowers and scenes. She was a member of her church choir and her church's consistory. For the last several summers she traveled to Salzburg, Austria, to sing choral and liturgical music. We will miss Paula's voice in the Reunion Choir, singing the *Sevenfold Amens* at the end of the chapel service on Sunday. ✳ **Tim Smith** has put his boat up for sale after 10 years of cruising. Sailing can be quite a test for just two on a small boat. After some 15,000 miles at an average speed of 4 knots or so, Tim and his wife are ready for a change. He says that hiking looks more exciting than drifting about the Bahamas. When not in New Mexico or Norway with grandchildren, they live in Craftsbury Common, Vt. ✳ Chris and **Cal Schmeichel**, who have celebrated their 40th anniversary, had a very successful and busy summer with their Branch Farm B&B in Saranac Lake, N.Y. They are both active in volunteer work in Saranac Lake. Cal was scheduled to go fishing with **Ike Krasts** in Canada, but—since Big Sand Lake had not thawed (it was Big Ice Cube Lake)—the trip was postponed until '03. Cal reports that Ike is fishing every month of the year, from the tip of South America to Alaska, as conditions permit. ✳ **Vcevy** and **Jane Cram Strekalovsky** participated in a stimulating Alumni College, studying Sophocles with Marc Witkin, classics professor and former Weybridge house tenant. Vcevy writes that this 28-year-old tradition is one of Midd's crown jewels, and a reunion must. It is run by classmate Prof. **Russ Leng**, who this year offered Middle East studies, baseball, Latin American economics, and a hike/sketch/write session called "Writing the Mountains." **Ralph Cobb**, who now lives nearby in Saratoga Springs, also attended. Vcevy's 27-person architecture firm keeps him in Hingham, Mass., limiting trips to Vermont and playing polo to weekends. Vcevy supports the Town Hall Theater renovation project in Middlebury. His Sugarbush Polo Club team played a benefit match at Cobble Hill Farm. ✳ **Jean Seeler**, your class secretary, has been on the move again. In September I went on an Elderhostel bicycle trip on Prince Edward Island, Canada. I enjoyed the hospitality of Bert and **Ginger Kinghorn Work** in Cushing, Me., and Doug and **Pat Knox Davies** in Weybridge, on the way back to Midd for Alumni Leadership Conference. Also at ALC were Amy and **Mike Robinson** and **Pete** and **Jean Emrich Battelle**. In October I was off to France for two weeks of bicycling in Provence. (If you don't want to read about my travels in every issue, send me some of your news!)

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Welcome news has arrived from **Joyce Morrell**: "My partner, Jan Meiners, and I are busy managing our inn on Campobello Island, N.B., Canada, the inn which my mother and I started 30 years ago. Over the years we have become quite well known and are now very busy all summer from May until mid-October. Check out www.owenhouse.ca for photos and description of Owen House Inn. We took a leap last year and bought a little house in San Miguel de Allende in the heart of Mexico, and we are eagerly looking forward to finishing the inside and furnishing it. We fell in love with San Miguel last winter after spending many winters in New Mexico, our other love. I wrote a 35-page journal about our experiences in Mexico which I love to share. If interested, e-mail me (jj@owenhouse.ca) and I'll send it to you. Classmates in San Miguel or surrounding towns from December to April who would like to say hello, e-mail us and we will send back directions. You can't find us without them!"

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Back on campus for Homecoming 2002, **Stuart Schwartz** delivered the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Lecture, "Creating Brazil and Making Brazilians: The 'People' in a Slave Society." Stuart is George Burton Adams Professor of History and Master-Designate of Ezra Stiles College, Yale Univ.

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Celt Grant writes: "I'm still renovating and restoring old homes in Massachusetts, a passion passed on from my parents. In fact, I am now busy renovating my own house and gardens. Two years ago I acquired a share in Butterworth Farm, an intentional community in Royalton, Mass., where I enjoy rural life. Very proud of daughter Rebecca, who graduated from the Cambridge School and is off to Bard this fall." ✳ We regret to report the death of **Martin Foster** on May 24. The condolences of the class are extended to all of his family. ✳ The College reports that our Class of 1963 Fund is assisting five scholarship recipients at Middlebury this academic year. Although we don't mention any names, we can pass along the news that they are very busy students majoring in 1) Russian and physics; 2) international politics and economics; 3) English; 4) physics; and 5) one is undecided in the midst of her first year at Midd. Our Class Fund helps the College meet the financial needs of students, regardless of the financial situation of their families. ✳ **Chris White** is serving as social chair for our upcoming 40th Reunion. Please send any suggestions for the weekend his way. **Leon Cangiano, Leroy Crocker, William English, Robert Graham, Jane Ann Bachelder Johnson, Charles Seilheimer, Craig Stewart**, and **Chris White** are serving on the Reunion Gift Committee. This group is working to create a terrific 40th Reunion for our class.

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In September, I attended a leadership conference at the Bread Loaf campus. It was an interesting weekend with interesting lectures. Prof. Mayer, who is from Israel, spoke on the Middle East. Prof. Andres gave an illustrated architectural history of Middlebury College. After the conference, we had a tour of Bicentennial Hall, the new Ross Commons, and the sports complex. ✳ **Sam Gordon** also visited Middlebury in September. "I, too, had a chance to see the new Ross Commons, Bicentennial Hall, plus the new library under construction. I watched some of the Midd-Wesleyan football game, played a round of golf on the College course, ran into Mike Schoenfeld '73, and visited with friends Hugh Marlow '57 and David and Jean Littlefield. I could see plenty of student life and lots of building still going on! The place continues to be great!" ✳ On September 29 at Middlebury, "An Evening of Israeli and Palestinian Poetry" was dedicated to the memory of **John Wallach**. Readings by poets Aharon Shabtai and Taha Muhammad Ali took place at the Robert A. Jones '57 House for John, the founder of Seeds of Peace, who died on July 10. ✳ We are very sorry to report the August 13 death of Amanda Baade, the 23-year-old daughter of Marty and **Marian Demas Baade**. In 1982, Amanda was the inspiration for the George C. Demas Memorial Playground, which bears her grandfather's name. The condolences of the class go to Marty and Marian and all the family. ✳ Steve '62 and **Jane Bowditch Holtz** hope to come to our 40th. Jane writes: "After living for 25 years on Chicago's north shore, Steve and I decided to move back to the East Coast to be nearer to family. Two years ago we settled in Wethersfield, Conn., where Steve sells and facilitates a management training program and I teach kindergarten. Although we love our new town and its rich history, what we love most is being closer to our kids and three granddaughters. Amy '89 lives in Burlington, Vt., with husband Pete and baby daughter Zoe, so we have good reasons to get back to Vermont. Peter and wife Meghan live in Salem, Mass., with twins Eliza Jane and Maddy (3.5), and Nam lives in NYC. Tae, the only one not close by, is in the Army based in Stuttgart, Germany. We LOVE being grandparents!" ✳ **Mary Jocelyn Stock** reports that "living in Hawaii has kind of isolated me, as far as keeping in touch with others. I used to see **Bob Turran**, who lived in Kailua near me, but have lost touch. By 2004, I should be retired and maybe a trip to the East would be possible." ✳ **Kit Telfair Wright** is "still living and working in Ocean City. I married Charlie Wood on June 8 in Ocean City, in an outdoor ceremony by the bay. Charlie's a native of Essex Junction, Vt., a graduate of Johnson State College in Vermont, and he works for the Ocean City *Sentinel*. We have a house in Linwood, a small sailboat on the bay, and Jersey tomatoes in the garden. Retirement looks so good, but still a little ways off. Visiting two grandchildren, one in Texas and one in Vermont, is tough to do only on vacation days. But it's so much fun! Both of my daughters and their families were in Ocean City for our wedding, along with a large number of other family members and friends from out of town and from this area. (I am still using Wright, so no name change, please.)" ✳ With many classmates retiring these days, **Don McLean** is finding new excitement in a career change. In mid-2001, Don joined the Univ. of Colo. Foundation as CFO and treasurer. "Our two children are in mid-college career excitement, as we are financially, as all can relate. Living in Boulder is fun and invigorating in many ways." Don sends best to all and says he hopes to visit Vermont in 2004.

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Secretary Walters reports: Being in the seventh year of her consecration as Bishop Suffragan, **Cathy Scimeca Roskam** was granted a sabbatical by the Diocese of New York. She spent her year studying "Canaanite mythology and the cultural context in which some Hebrew scripture was written, in particular Exodus through Second Kings"—a topic she began studying while still in seminary 18 years ago. Cathy also spent some time traveling in Italy last summer with husband Phil and daughter Gemma. ✳ **Susan Phibbs Breznay** sent an update. Her husband, George, continues to enjoy his judicial role as director of the office of hearings and appeals in the Department of Energy (he has worked occasionally with Carol Tarbox Tombari '66). Son Seth is a wildlife ecologist with the Department of the Interior in California. Daughter Laura interrupted her studies at McGill to help Susan through her recent cancer experience. Son Nicholas graduated from Harvey Mudd in physics. Susan writes: "Overall, health moved to the forefront in recent years. Emotional, spiritual, intellectual, AND physical health, and their intertwining at the molecular levels are now an ongoing story of mine." Diagnosed with breast cancer in July 1997, her prognosis is now positive, but the events led to taking stock. Finding the chronic pain of osteoarthritic joints, among other problems, eroding the quality of her life even more than the cancer did, Susan has studied and tried various approaches to alleviating the pain. By no means a quitter, she has concluded that conserving energy to pursue her passions is foremost, and so she plans to work part time at home freelance writing. She would love to hear from any classmates who are pondering similar changes in lifestyle, both career and health-wise. ✳ Remember that "meaningful" summer, the summer of '64 when **Diane Takamune**, **Polly Moore**, Kay Patterson '66, and Carol Sue Tarbox '66 had that apartment in Greenwich Village and worked in New York City? After graduating from Middlebury, we went our separate ways, became engrossed in childrearing, careers, personal journeys, and Life Beyond Midd. And we lost touch. After 36 years, we had a Bleecker Street reunion—in British Columbia in August 2002! Now, respectively, Anderson, Walters, Rodriguez, and Tombari, we began the hours of our reunion "slow" (in Robert Frost fashion) with dinner at Kay's in Seattle, where we were joined by Kay's family, as well as Debbie Dain '66 (a Seattle M.D.) and her husband. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.) Then the four of us went up to Galiano Island, listening to the D-8 en route! Our adventures were every bit as hilarious, serendipitous, and yes, meaningful, as those green and gold days of the summer of '64, but there was, of course, a difference. We picked up as if we'd never separated, but with age comes a richer spiritual perspective, the warm and binding common threads of a road similarly traveled, and the shared surprise of the young women inside us, surrounded by these funky, aging bodies. Firmly cemented as a foursome, we have great plans for the next Bleecker Street reunion in Machu Picchu! ✳ **Paul Witteman** writes: "My wife, Ellie, and I are class moms for our daughter Kate's fourth grade class. Why would I do this? Because Ellie thought it would be an excellent idea. This summer there was a convention of geezer dads in Tenants Harbor, Maine. **John Kingman** and John Jr. (8), **Tim Carey** and Zoe (8), and myself and Kate bonded, and the dads looked at each other like the idiots we were at Midd and continue to be. Kingman and I built a treehouse under the stern supervision of John's wife, Suzy, who has been a contractor and is an unrelenting boss."

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Secretary Page reports: As we eagerly await the next change in season in Vermont and in Colorado, we're also eager to hear about changes in your lives. Please give Mark a call or write me an e-mail. **Don Brainard** has been thinking lately about retiring from flying, a field made increasingly stressful over the last year. Don and wife Cheryl ponder an eventual move to Wilmington, N.C., to pursue their love of the coast and boating. But they have a brand-new, first granddaughter there in Atlanta, so they're not in a rush. The Brainards remain active in the Episcopal Church, with projects ranging from teaching to refugee settlement to counseling recovering drug and alcohol abusers. In September, they traveled to Kenya and Scotland. Cheryl reports that the weather in Kenya was not nearly as hot as expected, and that they enjoyed sunshine on their 75-mile hiking trip in Scotland, while it was pouring rain at home in Atlanta! "Overall," Don writes, "I think I'll take retirement well in stride—if only one didn't have to be so old to do it!" ✳ We received a newsy update from former class secretaries **Dudley** and **Rita Crocitto King**. They're enjoying life in Hilton Head, S.C., where they have kept up their Middlebury connections through daughters Lindsey '90 and Stephanie '96—and recently through a reception they hosted for John and Bonnie McCardell, who were staying in nearby Beaufort. Rita writes: "The biggest change in our lives—a welcome one—has been the invasion of little people. Our first granddaughter arrived in 1996, and they have just kept coming ever since, for a total of nine. I have willingly signed on for grandma duty and look forward to helping out with all the newborns and their young siblings. It is mind-boggling to me that our little Middlebury family of three, back in June of 1966, may soon reach 22." Rita urges classmates who might be planning a family vacation or golf trip to Hilton Head to give them a call—they're in the book. She'd love to get together—unless she's away on grandma duty!

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The Women of '67 had another grand outing in August, this time hosted by **Kathie Towle Hession** at her quintessential Vermont farmhouse, complete with grazing sheep. (Kathie raises sheep—when not running road races and practicing in a very busy pediatrician office.) We enjoyed talking nonstop in view of Sabra Field hay bale pastures, sunset mountain vistas, and at a campfire under a crescent moon. We may not sound quite like the D-8, but that doesn't stop us from singing the ol' songs. We had several first-timers—**Wendy Gustafson Malnati** (who got the longest distance award, coming from Georgia), **Gert Jones Como**, and **Jervis Lockwood Anderson**—as well as returnees **Sue Rugg Parmenter**, **Freddie Mahlmann**, **Marion Boultbee**, **Helen Martin Whyte**, **Susan Davis Patterson**, and **Kathie Towle Hession**. We tried out mountain biking for our Midd-women activity. While we were glad enough to find out what rocks and roots and sump hole shock waves do to one's derriere, and we are, of course, strong enough to lift bikes over fallen trees and washed out gullies, we decided there's a lot to be said for flat and smooth bike paths. Beautiful weather followed lovely people, but the warmth of friendships, rekindled and new, is always the heart of these special reunions. We already have a host and venue for 2003. **Sue Rugg Parmenter** can sleep 23, in BEDS, at her family compound in picture postcard East Corinth, Vt., which will peak with us on a fall foliage weekend. Contact Sue (billsue@tops-tele.com) or Susie Davis to get your name on the notification list. ✳ At the end of September, **Susan Davis Patterson** completed her hike of the Long Trail, Vermont's 270-mile "footpath in the wilderness." The Long Trail follows the ridgeline of the Green Mountains from Massachusetts to Canada. Susan hiked it in sections over three summers, sometimes as day hikes and sometimes camping overnight in cabins or lean-tos along the trail. Susan's love of nature and hiking prompts her to take her third grade class hiking several times a year, including Snake Mountain and Mount Mansfield. ✳ **John Lord** reports that his daughter, Emily, is a member of the class of '03.5 at Middlebury. His visit with her in Melbourne, Australia (where she was studying), caused him to miss our 35th Reunion. ✳ Good news from **David Robinson**: "In May 2002, Felicia, our son William (7), and I traveled to Moscow and then Smolensk, Russia, to adopt our new daughter, Tonya (11), from the Boarding School of Gagarin. Our trip was wonderfully facilitated by KidSave International and all went smoothly (though a visit to the Kremlin was not permitted, because President Bush was visiting at that time). Tonya has had a fine summer with us and is starting grade five at the Pine Hill Waldorf School in Wilton, N.H. It's been a huge change for all of us, as Tonya learns English and takes her place in a new family in a new country and culture. We regret that we did not attend the recent reunion, but we were still exhausted from our Russia trip. We would enjoy hearing from other international adoptive alumni parents." ✳ **Robert Geckle** has been appointed an advisory director of Investcorp, a global investment group. Bob has also been named to the board of directors of two Investcorp companies, Georgia-based SI Corp. and Alabama-based water meter company Neptune. Before joining Investcorp, Bob was president of Textron's fluid and power group and, previously, chairman and president of Branson Ultrasonics Corp. Bob and **Kathy Landry Geckle** live in Newtown, Conn. ✳ Sadly, we must report the death of **Mary-Jane Cooper O'Neill** on June 25. We express the condolences of the class to husband Peter and all the family.

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Visual effects producer **Dan Curry** came up with another Emmy this year. We've lost track, but it must be about his seventh? This one was awarded for his work in visual effects on the UPN series, Enterprise. ✳ Welcome news has come in from **Leslie Peterson Limon** (leslie@leslielimon.com): "After years of helping clients with their Web sites, I figured it was time to build one of my own. Thanks to my partner and husband Michael's html heroics, it's now up and

running at www.leslielimon.com."✳**Carol Anderson Matthews** was back at homecoming to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Mischords singing group. More than 40 members returned and performed in Mead Chapel.✳Our 35th Reunion is only weeks away! Please send ideas to our social chairs and help our gift committee by making your class gift.
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69 Secretary Onion reports: A high point of being class secretary is having a second chance to meet classmates I missed the first time around. At a recent Bread Loaf training session, I literally bumped into **Koichi Ishiyama** and, on that one day, spent more time with him than I did in four years here. What a delightful reunion. He has had a number of interesting assignments as a journalist. Much of it started with about seven years as a reporter for the Associated Press. He is now a professor of English and journalism in the law school at Toin University in Yokohama. He reports that **Eric Nelson** has completed some 20 years of teaching in Fairfax County, Va., and is now the head union negotiator for that teachers' association.✳**Kathy Rouse** undertook a midlife career shift and has become certified as a primary school teacher in Maryland.✳**Bob Cowan** has been living in a farmhouse on a back road in Dunbarton, N.H., since he got back from Viet Nam. Having taught in the English department at Concord High School for 30 years (along with Ned Bergman), he has recently bought a house in Concord from which he can walk to work. I have heard stories of his wonderful teaching skills from **Bill** and Sherri Galligan '68 **Johnson**'s daughters, who have recently graduated from Williams and Middlebury.✳While my travels have been somewhat limited in the last few years, my kids' hasn't. My middle daughter visited with **Tom Harrington** in Hanau, Germany, where Tom has been settled for some time. His wife runs her family's dance studio, his two children are in German universities, and he has retired from a 10-year stint as a VP of Adidas. Tom was one of a group of "youngsters" who moved into Adidas together and transformed it from a large national company, to one of international significance. Tom was responsible for non-athlete sponsorships. When the Soviet Union collapsed, he coordinated the Adidas sponsorship of the CIS to the Olympics that year. He also worked closely with the Shrivers in the Adidas sponsorship of Special Olympics. Last I heard, Tom was at home writing novels and looking for a publisher.✳This August my daughter continued making connections for me by spending some time with **Lin Palmer** in Steamboat Springs, where Lin has lived for about 30 years. During that time she has honed her finish carpentry skills. The pictures I saw of her house showed that she has put that profession to good use. For two years, she was hired to use those skills as a carpenter in Antarctica.✳Our older daughter graduated from Brandeis and almost immediately went into the Peace Corps. This summer, Alison and I squeezed ten days' worth of stuff into reasonably small backpacks and flew down to Guatemala to visit her. What a treat to discover this "extravagance of nature," as their posters describe it. In a small *aldea* of 100 families, an hour's hike from her small mountain market town, an hour's dirt-road, brightly-painted-former-school-bus ride from the nearest city in western Guatemala, we got to see her at work. We were proud to watch her teaching a group of 20 in one of her brightly adorned women's groups how to keep their pigs and chickens healthy. And sitting in a one-roomed adobe house at 11,000 feet, we heard four idealistic volunteers, all recent college grads, talk about the challenges of working as Americans in the epitome of a banana republic. They were trying to make connections between their work in the oldest Peace Corps program in the world, the U.S. participation in the 30-year civil war that devastated Guatemala, and a president who appeared to them to be missing the point of their work. I felt I had been there before.
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70 According to **Kate Mead**, "life has been relatively stable over the past 20 years: same job, same home, same husband. To prevent midlife crisis, we have allowed ourselves the luxury of some great travel vacations, not believing we should wait for retirement to see the world. Our travels always involve sports—hiking, biking, kayaking, windsurfing. Retirement from teaching is on the foreseeable horizon for me. I hope to add to the travels while maintaining a purpose to my life. I haven't figured that out yet, but I'm working on it."✳Our thanks to **Sidney Marsh Moon** (sidney@purdue.edu) for sending news: "I am a professor of gifted education and interim associate dean for academic programs in the School of Education at Purdue. My husband, Doug, is a professor of family therapy, also at Purdue. We both like to ski, hike, and travel. Last May we celebrated my father's 80th birthday in Sicily with my siblings and their families. Most vacations, however, find us in Steamboat Springs, Colo., where we own two ski-in, ski-out condos. In July we traveled to Steamboat for hiking and visits with Doug's two sons, Mark and Rob, and their families. Mark and his wife are physicians in Minneapolis; they have a daughter, Caroline (1). Rob, who works for Lowes in Denver, has a daughter, Brianne (5). His partner, Sue, works for Xerox. Our next visit to Steamboat will be over the Christmas holidays, when we will be joined by my sons, Alex and Jeff. Jeff, who just graduated from the School of Management at Purdue, is living in San Diego. Alex lives in West Lafayette, Ind.; he's head software architect for a company called Mailcode that makes automatic mail sorting machines."✳We regret to report the death of **J. Griffin Strasenburgh** on June 4. The condolences of the class are extended to his wife, Suzanne, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the fall issue.
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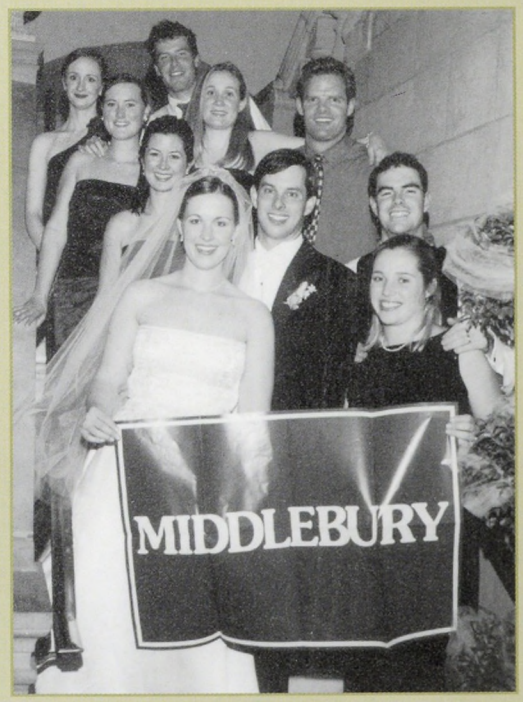
71 "Sometimes, I do wish I lacked for news," writes **Laura Krebill**: "In January of this year I lost my job with the delightful little software company I worked for in Boulder. For a long time, I'd been threatening to give up technology if I lost yet another job in that sector. This time I made good on my threat. I'd been thinking about becoming a massage therapist and I knew there was a school in Fort Collins, not far from where I live in Loveland. When I got the notice that I no longer had a job, I got on the Web and looked up Healing Arts Institute, to learn that the winter session was beginning the first week in February. It seemed like kismet, karma, fate, or whatever to me. In the space of a week, I applied, was interviewed, and started school! I have only a little more than a month to go in the eight-month program to become certified (or certifiable!). I have a couple of directions I may go with this new career, involving both working for others and in private practice. It's an adventure to start this kind of business (nothing like owning a long-haul truck) and I have some concerns, not about my ability to 'sell' myself, but about my natural disinclination to do so. I do enjoy massage tremendously and there's a huge potential to help people heal with the techniques I've learned and am learning. One of the greatest dangers to my financial well-being is that there are still so many modalities beyond the basics that I want to explore. Right now I'd much rather be in school studying them than anything else! My reading has consequently consisted largely of anatomy, physiology, and various massage technique books, but I still find time to steal away and read for pure escapism, too. The latest escapes have been *Girl With a Pearl Earring*, by Tracy Chevalier; *The Distinguished Guest*, by Sue Miller; and *Duane's Depressed*, by Larry McMurtry. Midd classmates are welcome to stop in for a massage when they're in northern Colorado. Or just send an e-mail (lkrebill@earthlink.net) to say hello!✳**Julia Alvarez**'s first young adult novel, *Before We Were Free*, came out in August from Random House. Julia's story of 12-year-old Anita de la Torre received several starred reviews and lots of critical praise. Though written for a younger audience, *Before We Were Free* bridges earlier novels *In the Time of the Butterflies* and *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, continuing the story of the family the Garcia girls left behind, and of their continued involvement in the revolution.✳**Karen Lindsay Palmer** had this to report: "Two summers ago I read Doris Kearns Goodwin's *No Ordinary Time*, which sparked an interest in the Roosevelts—FDR in particular—that still dominates my reading. I recently finished Geoffrey C. Ward's excellent book, *A First-Class Temperament: The Emergence of Franklin Roosevelt*, as well as James Roosevelt's poignant memoir of his father, *Affectionately, FDR*. I've made two trips (the latest one as a researcher) to the Roosevelt home and FDR Library in Hyde Park, and this summer my husband and our kids and I spent four days on Campobello Island, which is an astoundingly beautiful place in addition to being a necessary stop on the trail of Roosevelt history. When I'm not reading about the Roosevelts, I still love good fiction. Among my recent favorites are *Sacred Hunger*, by Barry Unsworth; *House of Sand and Fog*, by Andre Dubus III; *The Voyage of the Narwhal*, by Andrea Barrett; *Angle of Repose*, by Wallace Stegner; and *House of Mirth*, by Edith Wharton.✳**John Baker**'s Wildflower Iron Works was featured in a recent issue of the *Valley Voice* in Middlebury. After college, John took a course in metal work at Frog Hollow Craft Center and practiced his skills at various places around the country before setting up his own shop in Addison, Vt. He repaired farm machinery and did the craft show circuit for quite a while, but today his work is mostly custom ordered items, such as railings, metal filigree, and stairways. As a subcontractor for Bread Loaf Construction, he has been forging and installing custom-ordered structural and ornamental steel for the Orvis Company in Manchester, Vt. He shares his skills through participation in various programs at Partners of the Americas, a nonprofit organization with cultural and vocational exchanges

WEDDINGS

Carol McMurrich 98 and Greg Reynolds '98 were married on August 18, 2001. Celebrating at Carol's family home on Lake Simcoe in Ontario, Canada, were (front) Kate Turner '00, Katie Lichtenstein '00, Shruthi Mahalinggaiah '98, John Campbell '98, Mike Koehler '98, Bill Obermann '98, (standing) Chris Clark '99, Laurie Gagnon '98, Tim Bartlett '98, the newlyweds, Chris Leatham '98, Madhavi Nevader '99, Amy Johnson '98 and Beth Jones '99.

The September 15, 2001 marriage of Lisa Polizzi '95 and Sean Molloy took place in Bronxville, N.Y., where they celebrated with (all '95) Sofia Andersson, Betsey Traver, Bethany Saulpaugh, and Mara Rendi.

Following the marriage of Nicole Mathews '95 and Joseph Engler on September 29, 2001, in San Francisco, the Midd crowd included Brendan O'Leary '94, the newlyweds, Matt Hamilton '95, Eric Tracy, Daron Barnard '95, Graham Fox '95, Allison O'Hare Liggett '94, Dan Haley '95, Ben Halpern '93, Anna Nolin '95, Wendy Russell Tracy '95, Bradley Majette Fox, Jen Kahn Hamilton '96, Katherine Barnard, Jeff Liggett, Melissa Halasz, Jennifer Snee, Dudley Winthrop '94, and Trystan Phifer O'Leary '95.



Celebrating the November 17, 2001, marriage of Molly Shuttleworth '96 and Malloy Evans were (from top) Megan Byrne '96, Scott Morgan '96, Amanda Dickson '96, Debbie McKinley '96, Eric Foster '96, Suzanne Daley '96, Coert Voorhees '96, the newlyweds, and Molly Campbell Voorhees '98.

On January 19, Heidi Mathison '95 and Enrique Gonzalez were married in a Baha'i ceremony on the beach on Maui. They are living in Oahu, where Heidi teaches high school Spanish and Enrique works in construction.

In Newport News, Va., Whitney Lunsford and Pauls Toutonghi '98 were married on January 5, 2002. With them were Nick Lauriat '98, Craig Bouchard '98, Dave Thomas '98, Chris Vourlias '99, Ed Miller '70, the newlyweds, Sarah Schoch Miller '69, Bob Buckeye (College archivist), Jay Parini (prof. of English), Jean Williams Schoch '45, and Annette Toutonghi '89 holding Mason Greene.

Debbie Bailey '96 and Michael Kreuzer '96 were married on May 26 in Pebble Beach, Calif., where they celebrated with Midd friends (all '96, except noted) (seated) Andrew Kvaal, Scott Holmes, Sarah Archabal Holmes '95, Amy Atwood, the newlyweds, Miriam Laranjeira '99, Tom Kreuzer '99, (standing) Josh Sobeck, Eric Davis, Charlie Whinery, Dan Rice, Ben Hartley, Molly Bschorr Ferguson, and Jethro Ferguson.

The Mead Chapel marriage of Lauren Johnson '95 and Edward Pricer took place on July 13. Celebrating at a reception at the Whitford House Inn were (all '95, except noted) Jonathan Herman, Morgan Gaspar, Denise Kmetzo, the newlyweds, W. David Pricer '57, Betsey Traver, and Adrienne Downie Fournier.

Jody Kaufman '97 and Mike Curtis were married on August 24 in Kalispell, Mont., where they celebrated with (front) Brian Burke '97, Molly Lukins Burke '97, Weezie Smith '97, Adam Duarte '97, (standing) Laurie Higginbotham '97, Andi Bither Malboeuf '97, Julie Kaufman Schiller '94, Jennifer Kaufman '92, the newlyweds, Lee Kaufman '61, Jennifer Horn '97, Geoff Curtis '91, and Kristine Bretall '89. Cara Walther Porino '88 missed the photo.

Sara Steindorf and David Sterrett '99 were married on June 8 in La Jolla, Calif. On hand for the celebration were (front) Shannon Shaper '99, Alex Fuller '99, (second row) Alice Obdrzalek Mills '99, Donald Sterrett '99, the newlyweds, Ariane White '99, Mary Ann Livingston ('00 French School), (third row) Lloyd Robinson '99, Eric Meissner '99, Brooke Penick '99, and Beth Staples '99.

Casey Ruck '98 and Jason Lebwohl were married on June 2 in West Orange, N.J., where they celebrated with Ashley Twyon '99, Dan Bryan '98, Greg Burkett '98, Amy Ruck '02, the newlyweds, Dave Shea '98, Josh Irwin '98, Hilary Soule '98, and Liz Fahey '99, Missing the picture were Alison Brachlow '98 and Michelle Spina '98. The newlyweds welcome Midd friends in Hawaii.

In honor of the May 26 marriage of Sara Korn and Gary Sedlik '90, a long wedding weekend in New Orleans was enjoyed by (front) Jenny Faulkner Campbell '91, the newlyweds, (back) Matt Traina '90, YoungHae Chu Traina '90, Pat Dorton '90 and Erin Dorton, Phyllis Stinson and Ed Roche '90, Tim Harkins '90 and Eileen Harkins, Nick Budnick '90, David Campbell '90, Karen Gray and Rob Gray '90.

In Hangzhou, China, Lin Zhang and Kenn Ross '96 were married on May 11. Wedding guests included Eric Ikauniks '94, John Goyert '96, Alice Berninghausen, Steve Rozner '96, John Berninghausen (prof. of Chinese), Sherr Lo '98, Scott Tatlock '99, the newlyweds, Matt Holmes '99, and Sean Hurley '91

Following the marriage of Susan Dwyer '94 and John Fitzgibbon on June 8 in West Simsbury, Conn, the Middlebury photo brought together Sara Boisvert '94, Megan Hathaway '95, the bride, Maja Thaler '94, and Ali Dorf '96.

Gathering at Castle Hill in Ipswich, Mass., to celebrate the June 16, 2001, marriage of Rebecca White and Scott Rivard '97 were (all '97 unless noted) Michael Bay '98, Kip Adams, Lee Griffith, Graham Rice, Sahili Sheth, the newlyweds, Brad Gottfred, Kevan Comstock, Katie Whittlesey '98, Brian Schmidt, and Michelle Spina '98. Patrick Taylor and Julie Yerkes missed the photo.

Hillery Hinds '96 and Neal Maxymillian were married on September 7 at the Equinox Hotel in Manchester, Vt., where they celebrated with Mash Alexander '93, Bethany Johnson '96, Angela Han '96, Krissy Pozatek '96, the newlyweds, Meredith Alexander '96, Suzanne Daley '96, Nicola Pinson '96, Dave Wolman '96, Jen Sudduth Walsh '87, Jen's son Liam, and Meredith's dog PJ (down in front).

On May 25, Victoria Preston '90 and Eric Crawford were married in Hanalei Bay on the island of Kauai. Midd friends celebrating with them included Jill Curtis '89, the newlyweds, Sooze Johnson Preston '85, and Jamie Preston '85.

Middlebury friends traveled from Australia, Italy, and even Arkansas to celebrate the marriage of Nicole Grenier and André Duchette '00 on August 17: (all '00) (front) John "Richie" Richardson, Marc Zelnick, (standing) Zach Tofias, Anthony D'Avella, the newlyweds, Robert Johnson, Peter Winstead, and Brian Deese. Trianna Gonzalez and Kara Arsenault '02 missed the photo.

In an outdoor ceremony at Annadel Winery and Gardens in Sonoma, Calif., Elizabeth Simpson '96 and Drew Thomas were married on August 10. Celebrating with them were Dan Drake '97, Tanya Tarar '96, Kim Barnet '96, Craig Emerson '95, the newlyweds, Michael Hacker '02, Justin Cook '95, Katie Simpson '02, Holly Hoover Cook '93, Kate Barry Taylor '96, and Kristen Connolly '96.

The marriage of Vicki Wright '88 (M.A. English '99) and Leman Cutler Bronson II took place at the Allen Mills Farmstead in Florence, Vt. Celebrating with them on July 6 were Lynn Nelson (holding son Nathan), Antoinette van Zelm '88, Susan White (M.A. English '00), the newlyweds, Liana Discepolo Caffrey '88, Matt Caffrey '88, Motoko Omori Lavallee '88, and Michael Lavallee (holding son Will).

Submit your non-returnable wedding photo (hard copy or 300 dpi jpeg), along with caption information, to *Middlebury Magazine*, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

between U.S. citizens and Latin Americans. He has taught metal work to students from Central America, and has made a couple of teaching trips to Honduras.
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Charli Fulton writes: "My quilt, 'Homage to Hokusai: In the Hollow of a Great Wave,' was juried into the American Quilter's Society Show (Paducah, Ky.), Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival (Williamsburg, Va.), Quilters Heritage Celebration (Lancaster, Pa.), and the International Quilt Festival (Houston, Tex.) this year. It received a Judge's Choice ribbon at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, a Judge's Recognition ribbon and a first-place ribbon at the National Quilting Association show in Charlotte, N.C., and a first place ribbon at the West Virginia Quilters show." ✳**Paul Caroll** and wife Betsy paid a visit to Middlebury this fall, when their son was making the college tour circuit.
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REUNION CLASS

Sage Russell and Jeff Mason were married in an outdoor ceremony in Chevy Chase, Md., on June 8, an exceptionally beautiful late spring day. The Middlebury crowd in attendance included **Jay Aronson**, Skip '72 and **Janet Frey DeVito**, Jim '70 and **Marilyn Frison Hand**, **Keith Oberg**, Steve '71 and **Laurie Fuller Peach**, and Michael Warner '80. After following up the wedding with a week in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., Sage and Jeff are enjoying wedded bliss in Silver Spring, Md. ✳**Lois Ongley** has accepted a position teaching high school chemistry. She reports that it is quite a challenge, although she had been teaching hydrogeology and water chemistry. The students at Oak Hill High School in Wales, Me., are very high energy and she plans to do some fun lake-water chemistry projects. Her three daughters are all in college (Univ. of Maine, UConn, and Smith). Her eight cats are keeping Bill Todd-Brown and her company. ✳**Larry Novins** (lnovins@shoreham.net) updates us: "Along with starting a great job last summer with the Secretary of State in Montpelier, and coaching a trial practice team at Vermont Law School, I have changed Internet service providers; finally, we have DSL. My new job involves representing about half of the professional licensing boards in Vermont, acting as presiding officer (judge) when they have disciplinary cases, drafting legislation and rules, and a host of other endeavors. My background has been a terrific help, but it is quite different from what I have done most of my legal career. I'm having fun, learning a lot, and looking forward to a long tenure here." ✳In Bangkok, Ann and **Peter Straub** recently got together for dinner with Kim and Stephen Maire '77, Mike Shain '88, and the mother and brother of Naomi Kim '05. ✳It's been years since we've heard from **Pam Taft-Dick**, but last year, her sixth in Islamabad, starting with 9/11, moved her to write: "It was quite an adventure living in a place that was pretty obscure before 9/11/01 and then suddenly thrust on the world stage and onto everyone's TV screens, ours included; we saw all those same scenes you did of the demos in Karachi, etc., but we still felt safe in quiet "Islu," although the influx of journalists was unbelievable. Our families were nervous, though, so at the end of September we evacuated here to Colombo, Sri Lanka, where my husband is the World Food Programme Rep. We had decided that I would stay on in Islamabad one more year with our younger son and senior daughter, as they do the International Baccalaureate here and she had been doing APs. You can imagine how difficult the upheaval was for her, in the middle of college applications, with teachers, guidance counselor, and friends strewn all over the world, but thanks to the net, she got her work done and aps out. Islamabad remained relatively peaceful after the onset of the war in Afghanistan, so many of us, families and school staff returned. Then the unimaginable happened, that horrible grenade attack on the church which killed five people, including a young girl who was a close friend and classmate of our daughter's, and her mother. It was a terribly traumatic time for the school and expat community, resulting again in evacuation for many. Most parents of the seniors wanted to stick it out and see our kids graduate, which we did; it was very moving and emotional, as you can imagine. Even the U.N. dependents were finally evacuated days later, with all the sabre rattling on the Kashmir border between Pakistan and India, so we left Islamabad with great sadness. We are now settling into new lives in Sri Lanka, where peace is actually breaking out, so those of us in the development community have hope. This is a beautiful place and the welcome mat will be permanently out!" Pam's son, Jonathan '94, is in his junior year (in Midd/Florence) and daughter Joya '06 entered Middlebury in the fall. ✳Your class secretary's son, Evan, seriously considered attending Midd this fall, and we even had the pleasure of a visit in May after the acceptances were in. As it turned out, he chose Swarthmore and loves it. But while at Midd, I had a chance to catch up with Murray Dry and David Rosenberg, which was great. If you haven't been up there lately, you should come to our 30th and check it out. Middlebury College has become a pretty amazing place and I think there may be just a bit of party left in us.
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Ann Williams Jackson was on campus for Homecoming to pick up an alumni achievement award. Congratulations, Ann! While there, she gave a talk on "Middlebury and Magazines: A Good Fit." In NYC, Ann is group publisher for AOL Time Warner of *In Style* and *Real Simple* magazines. ✳For the past four years, **Martha Lhamon** has lived in Illinois, where husband Gary Ebbs is a professor of philosophy at the Univ. of Ill. Martha was a trusts and estates attorney at a large firm in Philadelphia for 10 years, but, she writes, "When we relocated to the Midwest, I shucked the legal life and am now fully engaged with my cello again. It's the hardest thing I've ever done, but I love it. It's a pretty active musical community." ✳"I've now finished 27 years teaching special ed," writes **Ginny Glazier Babal**. "Hard to believe it's been that long! I have a terrific group of secondary life-skills students now. My son graduates in January with a degree in special ed, too. Dave and I continue to sail, ride motorcycles, line dance, do local Corvette functions, and *slowly* get things fixed/finished on the house and property. Life is good!" ✳Good news from **Annie Martin Wilder**! "Our two daughters, Katharine and Laurie Burgdorff, both graduated from Middlebury this year. Katharine skied down the slope at the Snow Bowl with the Febs, and she and Laurie both received their diplomas at the May graduation! It's been so much fun to be hanging out at Midd the last five years. I'm going to miss it!" ✳Both children of **Mitch** and **Sheila Bamford Pulver** graduated in June, Jessica from Swarthmore and Dan from high school. Dan then "succumbed to the low-key Midwestern charms of Carleton in Minnesota." Sheila writes: "Mitch and I are both turning 50 this year with no big fanfare, but one big sea change: we're moving to the coast of Maine in January. My family spent summers in our boat along the Maine coast and we've continued to go up there most summers with our kids. Mitch will start a new practice there, and I'll continue to write. Our house (331 Bethel Point Rd., Harpswell, ME 04079) was built in 1838 and sits at the end of a little point, with great views of a few islands where the cove opens to Casco Bay. Brunswick is the nearest real town. I really started thinking hard about what I wanted to do with the rest of my life when my daughter went off to college. I realized that I'd left some things behind that I really cared a lot about—such as writing and living in a beautiful, quiet place—and I started meandering my way back to those goals. I've taken a couple of writing seminars at Radcliffe, as well as the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference a couple of summers back, and I've been writing steadily for several years, mostly poetry for the past year or so. I feel lucky to have discovered that the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance is based in Brunswick and has regular workshops, so I hope to hook into the writing community and make friends through them when we move. My mother died a year ago after being sick since I was a teenager, so it was a relief in some ways, but still much harder than I could have anticipated. My mother's illness left her in a wheelchair when she was only 40, and we discovered, after my children both needed brain surgery, that the whole family shares a hereditary condition. We're all fine, for which I'm profoundly grateful, and it's no big deal. But that experience and being fortunate enough to reach midlife intact have finally spurred me to reach out for what really matters to me while I'm able and not be so timid about taking chances. So that's my 50th birthday bit of wisdom, for what it's worth. I look forward to hearing about other classmates' celebrations, and we welcome anyone who's venturing up the Maine coast to stop in for a visit. Happy birthday to us all!
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Anne Rathbone Winskie writes: "In May for the first time in 15 years I had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Alexandra Baker of the Middlebury Russian department, when she was visiting western Washington. She is enjoying her retirement and traveling a lot. In July I had a 10-day visit with my dad (Robert Rathbone '39) in Maine. My husband, John, and I are still doing Russian translations out of our home in Edmonds, WA." ✳**Cris Cioffi** is "still practicing law and serving as minority leader on the Schenectady County Legislature. But VERY much enjoying life as a Midd College parent (Sara Sharkey '04). After visiting dozens of small, liberal arts institutions, we could find nothing that matched Middlebury's package: great academics, athletics in perspective, diverse student body, and an atmosphere for growth. Sara's spending her junior year at Oxford University, where she was recently

named to the women's soccer team."
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Kim Loewer, who excited the envy of all his fellow classmates by moving back to Vermont three years ago, recently began a two-year term as president of the Middlebury College Alumni Association. "I invite all my fellow classmates to become active in our Alumni Association, either through the 16 local chapters worldwide or with various volunteer opportunities available through admissions, career services, or College advancement. My wife Judi and I moved back to Middlebury from southern California and our only regret is that we didn't make the move sooner. The interactions we have at events with the College administration, staff, professors, and most importantly the current 'Middkids' have been most rewarding. I eagerly welcome your thoughts, comments, and opinions on how to improve our Alumni Association and make it a more valuable resources for all alumni." Kim can be reached at taxpro@alumni.middlebury.edu.
✳**Cindy Regan Greiman** has been living in Montana since 1983: "I love it, wouldn't move back East now for anything. Spend as much time as possible hiking, mountain-biking, and skiing, and haven't broken any major (or even any minor) bones yet. Met my extraordinary husband in the Peace Corps, have a 17-year-old daughter, and we all are big into traveling. We looked at colleges last summer and spent some time in the East and checked out Bowdoin, Bates, Middlebury, Bennington, and Hampshire. Middlebury seemed alarmingly fancy to all of us. I suspect she'll end up at a Portland or Seattle school. I usually see **Ruth Reinstein Rogers** when I get back East, and she has been out to visit. Since '88, I've worked at a small Catholic college in Helena, where I am now in charge of new student services, which means I'm responsible for making sure the first year is a successful one for the new students. I teach a class called Alpha Seminar, which I could definitely have used *my* first semester. I remember reading *The Republic* like a novel, and being amazed that I didn't get it."✳**Anne LeBourgeois Grieves** retired in August 2001 from JP Morgan Chase after a 21-year international banking career in order to spend more time with daughters, Alex and Tory (now 14 and 12). Living in New Canaan, Conn., Anne reports that, "I seem to be busier than ever now with various school activities, sports (figure skating, soccer, horses), board positions, home projects, and more. I actually had to decline serving as the Middlebury representative at our New Canaan High School College Fair, because I am the PFA (Parent Faculty Assoc.) board member responsible for keeping *all* 170 reps fed and happy during the evening!"✳We managed to locate a member of the class who was previously listed as "missing" by the College. **Ron Witt** says he was shocked to learn that Middlebury thought he was lost, apparently having never noticed the Alumni Office was no longer hitting him up for money. In any event, Ron and wife Nisha have been living for 15 years in Geneva, where he works for the U.N. Environment Programme. "We have two girls, Lara and Tamara (14 and nearly 11) who were born here in Geneva. They are both doing very well in the International School of Geneva in a bilingual (English-French) program. Lara even has Swiss nationality now (dual with U.S.). I like my work for UNEP very much. I run an office of some 20 persons where our main tasks are to support the environmental assessment and reporting activities of our organization (with data, analyses, etc.) and also provide early warnings/studies of emerging environmental problems and threats, both natural and man-made situations." Having been lost all these years, Ron would love to hear from classmates at 136, rte. de Thonon, CH-1222 Vesenaz, Geneva, SWITZ; rgwitt@hotmail.com.
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Ed Young reports: It's great to be back in this position, and Bob and I are looking forward to catching up with each and every one of you before we step away from this great job. Now, for the news of our times:✳**Tanina Frouge** and William Linden were married at the Galluccio Estate Vineyards in Cutchogue, N.Y., on June 8. (The romantic story of their courtship appeared in the *New York Times* on June 9.) With an MBA from Northeastern Univ., Tanina is a VP and senior investment officer at Princeton Capital Management, an investment firm in Princeton, N.J. Until last spring, her husband was a VP of NDB Group, a securities trading div. of Deutsche Bank.✳In August, the Honorable **James G. Glazebrook** received recognition in D.C. for serving as chair of the American Bar Assoc.'s National Conference of Federal Trial Judges (2001-2001). Jim continues to serve as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Orlando Div. of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, a position he has held since his appointment in 1996.✳**Jim Stoner** is spending academic year 2002-2003 on sabbatical, as a visiting fellow at the James Madison Program in the Department of Politics at Princeton Univ. Word has it that the Senate confirmed his nomination to the National Council for the Humanities last April, and we understand that they are already putting Jim to good service for our nation. Look for Jim's new book in the spring of 2003.✳The Youngs are happy and well. Our children, Eddie and Kristina, are enjoying their college days at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and our little one, Aaliyah (5), is enjoying her kindergarten year at one of Phoenix's best kept secrets, Desert View Learning Center. Sheila (McDowell-Young '80) is enjoying carpooling and all of the fun of being a mom at one school and a head of school's wife at another. In addition to an active school life at my own school, I am enjoying my trustee work at the Desert Botanical Gardens, where I cochair the education committee, and at Phoenix Country Day School, where I serve on the school board. Remember, the weather is great from October to May in Phoenix, and if I can entertain you, I'm sure **John Clemency** would love to see you as well. I'll have to remember to call him and tell him I've invited you all on his behalf. Take care and e-mail me or Bob with your news for our next issue.
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Carolyn McIntosh writes: "Life is good, here in Denver, but we do need more rain/snow to get past the worst drought year on record. As a partner at Patton Boggs LLP, a large national law firm, my time is occupied with natural resources litigation, environmental compliance, permitting, and regulatory issues for my clients. I am currently working on several Superfund related projects (despite EPA's failure to seek adequate funding for that very important program) that are challenging, given their geographic scope and number of parties involved. I am also working on a very interesting regulatory program with the government of the Dominican Republic. It is a constant challenge to maintain balance between my work schedule and family. I manage to maintain a sporadic workout schedule, spend time with my husband, and write a little bit about my favorite cases. I have recently taken up Spanish lessons (for the Dominican work), as well."✳As managing director of health care for the Carlyle Group in NYC, **Bob Dahl** oversees the buyout firm's health-care practice. He likes where he has ended up, according to *BuyOuts*, because "health care has been an oasis in a difficult market. We did well in a tough market because health care is recession-resistant."✳**Anne Noble** writes that a Virginia judge awarded her both her freedom and her name back (as well as sought-after custody of her dog and cat) in June 2000, and that she is once again busy practicing law in Washington, D.C., at a firm specializing in wrongful death, civil rights, and Internet cases. She is about to start trial in a case brought against an attorney who was conducting business on her cell phone (while driving) when she struck and killed a 15-year-old girl. Anne and her family also devote abundant time and energy to stamping out juvenile diabetes, which her 12-year-old niece, Kate, was diagnosed with in January 1992. Information about their most recent effort (for which Anne handled the publicity) can be found at www.4k8z.net.✳**Roy Heffernan** e-mails us from northern Virginia, where he has been working for NRTC for the past 10 years, assisting the local electric and telephone cooperatives to deliver telecommunications to rural America. Roy says he enjoys working "with/for great folks from the most beautiful parts of our country," but hopes to eventually get back up to the Northeast, preferably Cape Cod. He and Claire (wife of 19 years, UMass '78) sent their oldest son, Luke, off to Villanova for college this year. "The visit to the Philadelphia campus inspired such memories from my early days at Middlebury with all of you," Roy writes. "I felt myself become envious of Luke and his pending four years. If he could be even half as blessed as I was during my years at Midd, then he would be a 'rich' man at graduation." In addition, Roy says he has had the pleasure of playing lacrosse in Vail for the past six years with buddies from his old Midd lax teams. "In particular, I have relished running the field (albeit much more slowly than in '78) with fellow classmates **Dahl, Dobek, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Plank, Sargent**, and **Wheeler**."
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Secretary MacKenna reports that we are coming to that age when we see one another as we visit our children at Middlebury. This fall I attended family weekend to visit my godson, Isaac Mussomeli '06, who is the son of Joe and **Sharon Flack Mussomeli**. At the

president's reception, I ran into **John** and **Mary Porter Wright**, who were visiting their daughter, Heather, also a first-year. I'd love to hear about others whose next generation is now at Middlebury. ✳Jumping to conclusions, we would guess that the fancy matchbook received by Middlebury College in the mail was a wedding announcement. The inscription reads: "Let this be our desiring...to share our lives forever"; the names are "Boris and Alison"; the date is "September 11, 2002." Kind of sounds like a wedding announcement, doesn't it? The return address on the envelope shows the name of **Alison McCuaig**.

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For three years, **John** and **Anne Wood Humphries** have been enjoying life in Chapel Hill, N.C., with daughters Shelley (14) and Erin (11). Anne combines volunteer work with freelance editing and consulting. Consulting for the UNC Health Sciences Library, she researches special collections, mostly on art-related pieces (her real interest). Last year, she curated an exhibit on medical illustrator Frank Netter. With a master's in library science, she was head of information/reference services for the Univ. of Va. Health Sciences Library, while they lived in Charlottesville, Va., where she also edited the information management newsletter and headed up the revision of the Health Sciences Center Web site. John works for Bayer Corp. as director of global clinical strategy for biological products. Getaway time is spent on the Northern Neck of Virginia, boating, fishing, and watching the herons. ✳**Michelle Melaugh Murphy** reports that **Sue Follett Panella**'s tennis game is truly an inspiration to her. Over the summer, Sue and husband Mark challenged Michelle's husband, Chris, and his brother (who played at UNH) to a tennis match, and they split sets! They had a great time together in Gloucester, Mass., for a weekend with all their kids. While husband Chris works at Terra-Lycos on the real estate site, Michelle works at the Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, where they study the performance of soldiers under different environmental conditions. She studies the illness and injuries of soldiers during training and on the job, looking for interventions and preventive training strategies. Son Jeff (17) is a junior at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, where he plays football, track, and lacrosse. Daughter Shauna (14.5) just started Algonquin High School, made the JV soccer team, and also does gymnastics and lacrosse. Meghan, in 7th grade, plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Every summer, Michelle bikes the Pan Mass Challenge to raise money for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. She usually runs into **Ken Shulman** and **Steve Ahmann** during the Challenge. ✳**Bart Partington** reports that he has really enjoyed the increased correspondence from classmates these last few issues. He made an employment change soon after our last reunion, joining HSBC's domestic private banking group in NYC. After a professional make-over last year, he earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner. As a reward to himself for all the hard work, he took his wife and daughters Julia (13) and Liza (10) to Paris. Mais oui! After all these years, Bart still enjoys working in New York. ✳Since passing her doctoral exams in September, **Theresa Costello** is officially a doctoral candidate in psychology. Her dissertation topic is farm vehicle public road safety. If anyone has any thoughts on the subject, she would love to hear them at tmcostello@mindspring.com. ✳**Robert Ackerman** has written a new play, *Airborn*, about a teenager who invents a new way of flying. It was inspired partly by the Wright Brothers and mostly by a cute girl. Rob's high school alma mater in Columbus, Ohio, was producing the play this fall. ✳**Peter Gardner** sent in an update. Daughter Emma (15) is away in France for the academic year; Evan (17) is thinking about colleges; Nadya (9) and Parker (7) are "doing the sorts of things that children that age do." And Peter's wife, Victoire, is "doing the sorts of things that people our age do—being a mother and developing a line of women's fashion accessories under her own mark (Victoire Taittinger)." ✳**Rosie Robert** and family escaped the long winter in Chile to go on a vacation in Peninsula Valdes in the Argentinian Patagonia. Much to the delight of son Patito (3), they saw lots of animals never seen up here, such as right whales, sea wolves, Magellan penguins, sea elephants, and guanacos. ✳After decades of wishing for it to happen, **Judy Kula Walklet** is finally a magazine publisher—of *Where* magazine, the world's largest publisher of visitor magazines. *Where* provides local information on the best shopping, dining, cultural attractions and entertainment. If you're heading to San Fran, e-mail Judy at judy.walklet@where-magazine.com and she'll be happy to give you recommendations. Husband Jack's oldest daughter, Lara, is now a freshman at McGill in Montreal, where she hooks up with **Kurt** and **Susie Rohardt Strater** from time to time.

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Sally Rueger Barnes writes: "My family attended the Newport (R.I.) Folk Festival in August, along with 10,000 other people (the headliner was Bob Dylan), and who should we park our blankets behind but **Mike** and **Marie Richardson Hoffman** and Amy Gabriel Wallis '83 and their families! We basked in the 95-degree heat, listened to great music, and caught up on Midd news. You just never know who you'll run into." (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.) ✳In 2002, **Lauren Ross** became a partner in the Springfield, Ohio, law firm of Martini Browne, Hull & Harper. "I practice education and employment law. Our children, Grace (8) and David (5), keep my husband, Dean Jenner, and me busy. Hope to get back to visit Middlebury now that my nephew is enrolled there." ✳Our thanks to Janet Behnken Rawlings '78 for informing us that her sister, **Nancy Behnken**, is "alive and well, living in Southeast Alaska, making a living with her artwork supplemented with fishing. She deck-hands on a commercial fishing boat out of Sitka, fishing for salmon, black cod, and halibut during the summer." The note came on a card with beautiful artwork by Nancy. ✳Good news in the magazine business. **Andy Sareyan** was named president of *Entertainment Weekly* magazine in September. He was *EW*'s VP for consumer marketing and development from 1993 to 1997, then was named VP/associate publisher at *In Style*, then founding publisher of *Real Simple*. The new managing editor of *EW* is Rick Tetzeli '83. Andy lives in Greenwich, Conn., with his wife, Nancy Marshall, and their two children, Alex (10) and Eliza (5).

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Our 20th Reunion last May was a wonderful opportunity to see many Midd classmates—to catch up, reminisce, laugh, and be together for a beautiful Vermont weekend. The turnout was outstanding, with '82ers coming from as far away as Alaska, California, and Washington state. The reunion theme continued this fall at Middlebury Homecoming 2002 with an on-campus celebration of 50 years of music by the Dissipated-8 and 40 years for the Mischords. Over 100 members of both groups came back to campus for a combined concert that covered the highlights (and low ones!) of their respective history of entertaining the College and beyond. The Class of 1982 was well-represented in both groups with **John Vergara** and **Chip Noonan** tuning up for the D-8, and **Margaret Miller**, **Robin Hirsch Friedman**, **Henriette Lazaridis Power** (fresh from her race in the Head of the Charles), and **Wendy Behringer Nelson** stepping up with the Mischords. ✳Also sighted on campus for Homecoming was **Peter Campbell**, who took part in a panel entitled "Life After Midd—Business Beyond Wall Street." ✳**John Vergara** flew in from San Francisco, where he works for Charles Schwab, four floors down from **Beth Stelluto Dunair**. He also sees **Jib Martens, R.J. Hake**, and **Greg Murphy**. ✳**Chip Noonan** had a shorter trip from his home in Richmond, Vt. ✳**Margaret Miller** enjoys life in Northampton, Mass., with husband John and sons Ben (7) and Eli (3). She's the clinical director at the Family Advocacy Center, a hospital-based agency that treats children who have been abused or have witnessed domestic violence. She's also busy singing in the chorus of a local opera company. ✳**Robin Hirsch Friedman** is living in Princeton, N.J., where she recently began teaching K-6 French at the Princeton Charter School. She was also taking teacher education classes to complete her teacher certification in French and elementary education. Daughters Hannah (9) and Lily (5) keep her quite busy and up-to-date on all the latest music, fashions, etc. ✳**Henri Lazaridis Power**, who made it to campus just in time to sing the final songs in the concert, lives in Weston, Mass., with husband **John Power** and kids Eoin (13) and Nike (10). Henri reports: "Getting a Ph.D. and teaching for 12 years turns out to have been a demanding detour! I quit teaching English lit. at Harvard in 1998, so that I could work on fiction writing. I've been writing one novel since '98 full time and am now revising it, with plans to send it to an agent by December or so. As soon as it's done, I'll begin working on another one. This is really what I always wanted to do, thought I would do, and should have done. I have another mania besides writing: sculling. I've been doing it for eight seasons and just started racing two years ago. I have won some hardware, much to my surprise." ✳**Wendy Behringer Nelson** lives in Berwyn, Pa., with husband Eric and sons Alec (11) and Colin (8), who joined her at both reunions. After 12 years of working in nonprofit development for hospitals, universities, and performing arts centers, Wendy has become a full-time community volunteer. Busy with both boys' schools, she has been president of the elementary school PTO, serves on the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District Curriculum

Council, and on the board of the Junior League of Philadelphia, working with women and children recovering from substance abuse. She often sees **Jon Warner**, **Steve Burton**, and **Mike Ackerman** around town.✳In other news, White House Press Secretary **Ari Fleischer** made another journey to Midd when he gave the Alumni Achievement Award Lecture in Mead Chapel in October.
✳"After almost 20 years in NYC," writes **Mitchell Brown**, "I moved back to Baltimore two years ago and am enjoying a smaller city. Since I have been back, the Ravens have won the Super Bowl, and Univ. of Md. made it to the Orange Bowl in football. I am a director at Salomon Smith Barney, covering middle market accounts for equities. I'm ecstatic about being in this business without the hassles of being located in NYC. My two sons are lacrosse players, which is the *only* sport as far as most of Baltimore is concerned. I would love to hear from my Middlebury friends."✳We love to hear from our classmates, so drop us a line, give us a call, and send us an e-mail. We want to know what you are up to!
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After five years, Larry (French Language School '97) and **Keli McMenamy Lynch** have left Paris. They have moved to Princeton, N.J., with children Meaghan (16), Michael (13), Molly (11), Patrick (9), and Atticus (2 in November). "It feels good to be back on American soil," Keli reports.✳**Megan Nolan Gerritsen** and husband Jim appeared in the September issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* ("Maine Certified: The Potatoes of September"). After planting and sampling more than a hundred kinds of potatoes at their Wood Prairie Farm in Maine, the Gerritsens decided to grow 16 varieties and ship directly to customers.✳A second year master of divinity student at Duke Univ. in Durham, N.C., **Chris Rice** has written a book about his 17-year sojourn in the South. *Grace Matters: A True Story of Race, Friendship, and Faith in the Heart of the South* came out in August 2002.✳**Rick Tetzeli** was recently named managing editor of *Entertainment Weekly* magazine. (It so happens that the newly named president of that publication is Andy Sareyan '81.) A former assistant editor at Little, Brown, Tetzeli joined *Fortune* in 1990 and ascended swiftly through its editorial ranks. Rick and wife Mari Blecher live in Brooklyn with son Jonah (2).
✳After many years of litigating in NYC, **Paige Fronapfel Bart** is "taking some time off to be with my two incredible sons, Jake (3) and Caleb (1). My husband, Andy, and I enjoy spending our weekends with our boys up in the Berkshires. I look forward to seeing everyone in June."✳And we also look forward to seeing everyone in June. Make your plans to be in Middlebury, June 6–8!
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Katie Berk wrote to report a mini-reunion with **Kathy Meek Lehner**, **Jody Murray-Beck**, and **Pam Smarling**: "We spent the weekend at Kathy's house in D.C., catching up and reminiscing. Much time was spent recalling our social lives and related activities that we can only attribute to being young and foolish. We made a feeble attempt to go back in time, nevertheless, by heading out to a club that plays '80s dance music. The songs were still good but we were keenly aware, by noticing the 21-year-olds surrounding us, that we weren't in Kansas (or Middlebury, for that matter) any longer." Now a psychologist in private practice in Burlington, Vt., Katie has run into **Mark Ray** on occasion at alumni stuff. Kathy is married and raising Emma (8) and Becky (5) in D.C. Jody, who continues to work in NYC, and husband Bill have twin daughters, Sarah and Avery (11), and a son, Ian (6). Pam is married and still working for the New Hampshire legislature. Katie also met up with **Liz Croland Sarakin** and her husband in Cancun in January 2002, and in Middlebury recently. Liz and her extended family come up to visit Midd every year, as her dad (Barry Croland '59) is also an alum. Liz's niece has applied to Midd, and she and Liz met up with **Martin Beatty**, who is coaching the track team.✳A huge 40th birthday bash for many folks "crossing to the other side" took place at **Jim** and **Liz Hackett Robinson**'s Camp Wulamat in New Hampshire in October. Winner of longest distance traveled was **Kristin Smith**, who came all the way from Cordova, Alaska, to partake in the festivities. Others in attendance, with assorted families in tow, for a rousing weekend of tug-o-war, sack races, Capture the Flag, kickball, dancing, birthday cake, and thirst quenching were **Kristen Gould Case**, **Matt Ellenthal**, **Tony Flint**, **Ham Hackney**, **Robin Harris**, **Beth Reuman**, Rawson Hubbell '85, Toni Mauck Butterfield '85, **Phil Huffman**, Steve Kiernan '82, Josh Klein '85, **Tom Kottler**, Bill Gilson '85, **Steve Moynahan**, **Brian O'Day**, **Rick Smith**, **Dorothy van Gerbig**, **Mason Wells**, **Dave Wagstaff**, **Brian Napack**, **Paul Quinlan**, Melissa Millan '82, and Mimi Gleason '82. A last-minute, surprise appearance was made by the infamous **Jen Pattee**, whom we were so glad to see!✳Pulling out all the stops, Caroline and **Grant Dewey** helped Sig Ep rock campus again in Greenwich, Conn. Best '84 costumes includes Allison and **Steve Wright** in full Toga gear, **Marc** and Mimi Dalbey '83 **Tabah** "in original Club Midd T's," and—turning back the clock 20 years—**Gene Cleaves** in post-Bermuda attire (with new bride, Sam); other contestants included **Mason Wells** (recycled red shriner's hat), **Kevin Mahaney**, and **Wags.**✳Strong Gordie Golf performances, on and off the course; leading the way, **Rick Makin, Brian O'Day, Ham Hackney, Mason Wells, Tony Flint, Grant Dewey, Marc Tabah**, and **Wags. Phil Huffman** provided key late-inning relief, joining the group at Jim and Liz Robinson's and Mister Ups.✳**Renata Luytjes Russell** continues to lead middle school drama students to top honors in the state of Florida. She reports that Florida has one of the largest Thespian organizations in the country. She lives in Miami with husband Robert, daughter Victoria (9), and son Conner (6).✳**Brenda Grassey** and Richard Woollams were married at the Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., on July 20. While pursuing her master's in education at William Paterson Univ. (Wayne, N.J.), Brenda is teaching at Saddle River (N.J.) Day School. Her husband is the president of American Home Claims, part of insurance company American International Group.✳**Mark** and Sarah Van Tuyl '85 **Ray** welcomed son James (Jamie) Stanton Ray to the world on June 3. Jamie's proud sister is Emily (4).✳The gathering at Thompson's Point to celebrate **Jason Bacon**'s 40th birthday included **Karen Kaminsky** and **Peter Tichansky**, **Jim** and **Elizabeth Hackett Robinson**, **Mark** and Sarah Van Tuyl '85 **Ray**, **Todd** and Sue Cooper '87 **Hermanson**, Sue Whitty '86 and **Andrew Zehner**, **David Torres**, **Buck Dominick**, **Patrick McCormick**, **Marty Lanigan**, and future MiddKids Ingrid and Elsa Hermanson, Georgia Bacon, and Emma, Nell, and Harry Zehner. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org.)✳The third annual Kiawah Island/Charleston (S.C.) golf outing brought together **Peter Tichansky, Andrew Zehner, Mark Ray, Buck Dominick, Todd Hermanson, Tom Knox, Carl Stewart, Marty Lanigan, Dan Bricken, Craig Born, Bill Hathaway, Andrew Webster, David Torres, Larry Goldstein, Jason Bacon**, and **B.J. Paik**. (View photo at www.middleburyalumni.org)✳**Peter Kyle** has been elected president of the Dillon Dam Brewery in Dillon, Colo. Under his leadership, the brewery has been recognized as the finest producer of specialty beers in the world. "Sweet George's Brown Ale" won a gold medal at the world beer cup in Aspen in June, and the extra pale ale won a gold medal at the 2002 North American Brewers Festival in Idaho.
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A welcome update has arrived from **Heidi Lorenzen**: "I've been living in Singapore for the past three and one-half years, serving as the marketing director, Asia Pacific, for Polycom, the world's leader in video conferencing and other business communications solutions. I'm here with my two kids, Amanda (7.5) and Max (3.5), and travel a lot around the region on business. Prior to that I was living in Germany for two years, in China business consulting. That was after seven years with *Business Week* in NYC, after getting my MBA at NYU, and prior to that, living and working in Taiwan. If anyone is coming through Singapore or the AP region, please let me know!" Heidi can be reached at heidi.lorenzen@polycom.com.✳Mark '84 and **Sarah Van Tuyl Ray** and their four-year-old daughter, Emily, welcomed James (Jamie) Stanton Ray to the world on June 3, 2002.
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Secretary Morehouse reports: In September, I got a chance to go to Vermont and catch up with **Bill Leeson**, now a family doc in Midd. He and wife Heather Karlson '87, live nearby in a house that was once a stage-coach stop and, in the '70s, a commune. They grow a lot of their own veggies, and they often hike up nearby Snake Mountain with son Van (2), dog Blue, and cat Stella. Unfortunately Bill did not make it to the third anniversary of **Andy Dale**'s bachelor party. Not that Andy's still a bachelor: He's happily married to Karen, living in Needham, Mass., and spending as much time as he can playing with baby Joe, born last April. "I spend my days at work wondering

when I can go home and see him," Andy writes. Work, by the way, is marketing for a small Israeli company. Play included trekking out for a long weekend of partying at **Rick Bartley**'s new Maine vacation house, where they also met up with **Ned Walpin**, now a prof. at St. John's College in Santa Fe. Rick sold his wireless components company in 2001 and built a house on a Maine island. In winter he lives in South Hampton, N.H., with wife Mary Kay and kids Patrick (9), Margaret (6), and Sarah (3). Earlier last year, Andy threw a Cinco de Mayo party and played host to several '86ers, including Bill Leeson, Rick Bartley, and **Laura Gworek King**. Although Laura has her hands full with son Charlie (2) and daughter Jillian (1), she made time in September for an annual weekend in Old Lyme, Conn., with **Jenny Lawrence Horan, Christine Langlois**, and **Deborah Vehse Lund**. Getting back to Santa Fe, tenor **Bill Burden** spent part of last summer there with the Santa Fe Opera, performing in *The Italian Girl in Algiers*. Then he headed to Paris, where he sang in *Juliette*. Now, with an early 2003 gig with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, he's looking forward to spending time at home in Princeton, N.J., with wife Carol Chickering and daughter Claire (3). ✳ Nadine and **Domenic Ciarallo** are pleased to announce the arrival of son Sasha on October 21. He joins brother Nicolas (3), and sister Alexis (1.5). ✳ On October 23, son Walker Elliott Pratt joined parents John and **Juliet Lambert Pratt**, big brother Charlie (3.5), and big sister Margot (21 mos.). John is a senior VP at Salomon Smith Barney in NYC. ✳ Ever wonder what happened to classmates who left Midd before graduating? Where are they now? Herewith, the first installment of an occasional series: Remember **Jen Slowe**? She got a literature degree from McGill in Montreal and a master's in communications from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, then used her skills publishing health-care books and college textbooks, and, most important, communicating with daughter Emma (3). Married to college sweetheart Matthew Flemming, Jen is a stay-at-home mom (working on an accounting degree on the side) in Grosse Pointe, Mich. ✳ Secretary Sullivan reports: **Jamie Orvis** graduated in May from Harvard Business School with an Executive MBA. The owner of Security Solutions, Inc., in Wilton, Conn., a business and home security solution compan, Jamie recently participated in the OPM (Owner/President Managed group) program and found it "an incredible experience." ✳ And once again, we must close with some very sad news. A memorial service for **Jeffrey "Jay" H. Kahn Jr.** was held at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., on September 7. Jay passed away on August 1 at his home in Sausalito. He was the sales manager of BackBeat Books in San Francisco. Among Midd friends present at the memorial service were **Jamie Orvis, Anne Marshall Norris, Clint Johnson, Tim Egan, John Zacarro, Meg Coleman**, Dina '89 and Amy Moakley Logan '87, **Meg Hanlon, Susie Scher, Cindy Smith, Brad Dewey, Parker Gilbert**, and **Jim Sullivan**. It was a beautiful day, with friends and family sharing stories about Jay. The underlying themes were his great passion for music, his intelligence, and his sensitivity and compassion. The Middlebury contingency continued to Park and Amy Moakley Logan's house for lunch. The mood was light as everyone traded humorous Jay anecdotes, with the Grateful Dead playing in the background. Everyone agreed that Jay lived life to the fullest and encouraged everyone around him to do the same. He will be truly missed.

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Ken Willis recently took a new position as an in-house attorney for Plymouth Rock Assurance Corp. in Boston. He had been working in a law firm for eight years. He still lives in Needham, Mass., with wife Amy and daughter Juliana (almost 3). ✳ **David** and Sheryl Cole '89 **Stearns** have returned to the U.S., after living overseas for the past seven years. Sheryl writes: "We spent the last three years teaching at an international school in Bangkok, but decided that we didn't want to expose a baby to the pollution, and we wanted to be closer to grandparents. Born on August 31, 2002, Aidan William Stearns has brought us immense joy. We've settled in beautiful Blue Hill, Maine, where David is teaching social studies at George Stevens Academy, and I'm discovering the wonders of motherhood. It's great being back in New England, close to so many Midd friends. We'd love to hear from classmates at dsstearns@prexar.com!"

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With this issue, we welcome **John Brainerd** (JB), who has volunteered to assist in the enjoyable work of compiling these class notes. Be sure to send all your latest news to one of your cosecretaries frequently! ✳ **Amelia Gerlin** writes that she and husband Matt Wormser have "closed up our chartering business in the Virgin Islands, sold our sailboat, and are now looking for jobs and a place to land. We hope all that happens in Vermont." Their first child, Nigel Gerlin Wormser, arrived on July 20. ✳ Graham Martling Frederick Stuard was born on August 10. His parents, **Pam Frederick** and Charlie Stuard, report: "He's cute and big (9 lbs. 5 oz.). And so far, he is a model child: eats, sleeps, doesn't hog the remote." ✳ September 7 was the birthday of Duncan Codrington Edwards. Father **Denver Edwards** reported: "Mom and baby are well, Alistair is adjusting to sharing his parents with his new brother." ✳ And just one week later, Harry and **André Berot Spring** welcomed daughter Amelia Berot Spring on September 14. Congratulations to all our new parents! ✳ **Kim Stone** is the executive director of Safer Pest Control Project, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization. SPCP has identified safe, effective methods to combat mosquitoes—other than commonly used pesticides, which are toxic to the human nervous system and have been linked to cancer in animals. ✳ The third bi-annual mini-Midd reunion was held in Rockport, Mass., June 28-30, 2002. (View photo in E-News section of Middlebury Alumni Online Community at www.middleburyalumni.org, but **Michael Obel-Omia** had to leave before the photo was taken.) Along with progeny, attendees included **Chris** and **Diana Stewart Sinton**, Jim '92 and Jennie Safford Meyer '92, **Hardin** and **Wendy Victor Pantle**, **John** and Debbie Porter '86 **Safford**, **Will Bentley**, and **Chris Summersgill**. ✳ Finally, our 15th Reunion will take place June 6-8, 2003. While it seems far away, be sure to put the dates in your calendar now. We would love to see you there. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Claire (gwatko@yahoo.com) and she will put you in touch with the social committee.

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Stacy Whitman recently finished writing her first book, which is scheduled to be published on March 11, 2003. Stacy lives in San Francisco. ✳ In May 2002, **Jill Herbster Bujold** opened Kaleidoscope Yarns in Essex Junction, Vt.: "I've been an avid knitter for over 20 years. and this passion—combined with my professional experience in retail, sales, and marketing—made it clear that starting this business was a perfect fit. Knitting is experiencing a huge resurgence right now. People of all ages want to learn how to knit." The shop caters to all types of knitters: customers wanting more classic yarns feel right at home, as do those experimenting with newer fibers. In addition to serving the local community, Jill recently launched her Web site (www.kaleidoscopeyarns.com) to serve out-of-state customers. Jill lives in Williston with husband Marc '91, director of business development at Twincraft Soap Company, and twin daughters Helen and Sophie (3). ✳ Chris and **Adrienne Buda Anderson** welcomed second daughter Amelia Ann on May 28. Adrienne is working part time at the Elisabeth Morrow School in Englewood, N.J., as the alumni coordinator. ✳ Also on May 28, Rich and **Helen Davidson** were blessed with the arrival of son Levi William Austin Tapper: "We're having a great time with him. He has enjoyed playing with Edie Crowley (daughter of Charlie and **Liz Ozimek Crowley**, born March 2002), and Quinn Siddiqui (son of **Amer** and **Char Bergmans Siddiqui**, born November 2001)." ✳ **Matthew Schneider** and wife Judith Rivera are happy to announce the birth of daughter Nicole Dakota Schneider on August 9. He writes: "We are living in Park Slope, Brooklyn, where I'm teaching music at Brooklyn College. I would love to hear from old friends at matthew_schneider@hotmail.com." ✳ After living overseas for the past seven years, David '87 and **Sheryl Cole Stearns** have returned to the U.S. and would love to hear from classmates. Their new arrival is announced in the 1987 class notes column.

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Holly Marcum is the executive director of business development and commercialization for Amphora Discovery Corp., a new chemical genomics company. Her previous work experience in the biotechnology industry was with Incyte Genomics and Perkin Elmer Life Sciences Corp. Holly is completing her MBA at Duke's Fuqua School of Business. ✳ **India Hixon Radfar** writes that her first book of poetry, *India Poem*, was released in March 2002 and is available through Amazon.com. Her second book of poetry, *The Desire to Meet with the Beautiful*, was coming out in the fall from Tender Buttons Press, available through Small Press Distribution. ✳ Living in Telluride, Colo., since graduation, **Victoria Preston Crawford** has coached for the ski club there for 11 winters. She married Eric Crawford on May 25. ✳ **Christy Conklin** sends word that she's about to move to Amsterdam for a couple of years: "My husband, Richard McCluney (we met in Scotland while I

was on my Watson Fellowship, just after graduation!), has taken a transfer to his company's European office, and I plan to spend my time raising baby Gemma (born April 12 and thriving) and pursuing my passion, textile art, by visiting as many European artists and museums as possible! Visitors are welcome!" ✳In the marriage department, Lara Glenn and **Marc Adelberger** were married on June 29 in Annandale, Va. Lara works for Medco Health Solutions as a product manager, while Marc is with the corporate development and alliances group at Continental Airlines. After honeymooning in Alaska, the newlyweds are at home in Pearland, Tex. ✳Babies are in the news: **Laura Farley Jenks** wrote to announce the arrival of daughter Jennifer Erin Jenks on August 31, 2001. Laura is still enjoying Portland, Ore., where she gets together with **Todd Moxham** and his family. ✳**Beckett Stokes** and husband Andrew Seelaus welcomed red-headed daughter Eleanor Kathleen Seelaus on February 24, 2002. While they are "settling happily into the business of family life," Beckett is back to work as a product manager at the eMarketing Services division of Experian. ✳**Victoria Vitrano Hamilton** and husband Kendall welcomed son William Stearns Hamilton on June 3. The Hamiltons live in NYC, as do **Ed Roche** and his wife, Phyllis Stinson, who are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Agnes Stinson Roche, on July 27. Weighing in at 10 lb., 7 oz., Agnes was the talk of St. Vincent's maternity ward! ✳Tim and **Suzan Parker Twombly** welcomed son Benjamin Parker Twombly on August 17. They are living in Marblehead, Mass., where they met up with other new parents in training last summer, including **Leanne Potvin Fesenmeyer**. ✳Cindy and **Jon Mowry** are very happy to announce the birth of daughter Leah Elizabeth Mowry on August 23. ✳**Ron Willett** and wife Jacquie are the proud parents of son Brendan Michael, born August 25. The Willetts are living in Charlestown, Mass.

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Victoria Fischer Luksch now lives just outside of Munich with husband Uwe and baby daughter Isadora, who was born in January 2002. Victoria invites friends coming through Munich to get in touch with her at victorialuksch@hotmail.com. ✳We have it on good authority that **Chris Waddell** was throwing out the first pitch for the Red Sox at a game last August. Still waiting to hear the details. ✳**Kris Johnson**'s first novel, *The Endgame*, "affords a unique and complex look into the realm of sports gambling in contemporary America." After starting his sportswriting career at the daily newspaper in Saratoga Springs (N.Y.), Kris did sports information with Siena College and the Detroit Red Wings, before going to work as publicist for 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup Series champion Dale Jarrett. *The Endgame* is available at a bookstore near you, or Amazon.com.

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Kelly Watson was recently in touch with **Kiki Stromstad**, who reports that she is working for Franklin College in Lugano, Switzerland. As administrative assistant to the dean, she enjoys working with many international students. ✳Still serving as a member of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Cpt. **Hank McKnelly** recently left Fort Bragg, N.C., to serve as a defense counsel for two years at Fort Polk, La., where he's an observer-controller at the Joint Readiness Training Center. He enjoys being assigned to airborne units, but has yet to define the relationship between the practice of law and jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. ✳While working in brand management for Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio, **Bryan Duke** (bryduke@yahoo.com) has resumed swimming for exercise. He claims that his professional peregrinations have taken him through "some of the least desirable places to live in flyover country." ✳**Dave Weld** has returned from two years in Nigeria, where he was building homes with Habitat for Humanity. Dave "battled typhoid, malaria, monstrous corruption, constant harassment by the authorities, and pandemic poverty, but with God's grace built his houses and created a mission that will continue through his trained Nigerian staff." Dave affirms that "it's great to be back for a breather in our beautiful country, and it was great to be able to celebrate Mike Summersgill's wedding after missing so many others." ✳**Stefanie Hirsh** missed reunion for a relaxing yoga vacation in Mexico. In NYC, Stef is producing news and documentaries for National Geographic, PBS, and other networks. Last summer, she produced a cooking series for the Food Network, to air in summer '03. ✳**Patty Garffer** left D.C. for a six-month assignment with the Nature Conservancy, working on climate change issues pertaining to carbon offset projects in southern Brazil. ✳**Catharine Hannay** has been teaching English as a foreign language at Georgetown Univ. ✳While working in Chicago at Boston Consulting Group, **David Rickard** and wife Faith were training for the Chicago Marathon in early October. He was planning a trip to Cleveland to visit **Scott Harper**. ✳ Amicably evicted from the Boston pad on Albemarle St., **J.J. Gilmartin** welcomes visitors in Charlestown, Mass. ✳If anyone needs a lawyer, give **Tom McCraw** a call! He's an attorney in Rockville, Md., living with wife Michelle in suburban D.C. ✳**Christa Hawryluk** and Jeff Collins '91 tied the knot at Mary's in Bristol, Vt., on September 21. After a trip to Spain, Christa became a land protection specialist for the Sudbury Valley Trustees in Wayland, Mass. ✳Also on September 21, **Drew Meyers** and Sharon Eberhard were married at the Lake House in Grand Isle, Vt. They live in Boston, where Drew works for Digitas. Celebrating with them were Missy Meyers '96, Bill Hoyt '91, Eric Phaneuf '91, **Tristram Perkins**, **Gavin Ma**, **Nick Elfner**, **John Mansfield**, **John Rudge**, and **Sara Weale**. ✳The September 28 marriage of **Mike Summersgill** and Marissa Scauzzo took place in East Orleans on Cape Cod. They live in Boston, where Mike works at Hale and Dorr and Marissa works in the office of resource development at Harvard Medical School. Celebrating the auspiciously sun-lit weekend were Chris Summersgill '88, **William McDavitt**, **David Weld**, **David Freeland**, Andy Weld '95, Wally Weld '64, Kitty Grant Galaitsis '66, **Terence Ou**, **Curt Boeschenstein**, **Tom Garrett**, **Fred Lawrence**, **Jon Loewald**, **Jon Owsley**, and **J.J. Gilmartin**. ✳Much to his dismay, our senior social chair **Viraj "V" Mirani** missed reunion, but he had a great excuse: He and wife Jeanne were about to welcome daughter Alison, who arrived in July to join big brother Ethan (2). The Miranis lives in Vienna, Va. ✳Patrick and **Megan Richardson Durkin** missed reunion to enjoy a much needed vacation before welcoming little Durkin #3 in July. James joins siblings Amanda (5) and Peter (3). The Durkins live in Hingham, Mass. ✳**Charlie Watson** and wife Annie welcomed Charlie Jr. in May. The Watsons live in New Canaan, Conn., and Charlie commutes into NYC to work at JP Morgan. ✳**Randy** and **Hilary Eidinoff Meyerson** were sorry to miss reunion, due to the arrival of daughter Harper Violet Meyerson on May 21. Hilary was returning to work in November as a real estate lawyer with Davis Wright Tremaine, and Randy works for RealNetworks in Seattle. ✳Chris '93 and **Jeannie Kessinger Brown** welcomed son CJ on June 9 in Wayland, Mass. Jeannie will return to work as a marketing manager for Accenture, and Chris is a sales rep. for Novell. ✳On July 16, Geoff '93 and **Sarah Chick Kuli** welcomed daughter Clara Elizabeth. She joins big brother Peter (2) at the Kuli home in Lexington, Mass. ✳**Michael** and Kristin Currier '94 **Benjamin** are busy with daughters Alice (2.5) and Zoe (4 mos.). Mike and Kristin teach at the Kent School in Connecticut, where Mike is also coaching the freshman soccer team. He admits that his team has room for improvement, but he's hoping to beat the team coached by **Dave Whiting**.

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Jack Martinez recently spent "an awesome sabbatical year living in Paris, France, and traveling throughout Europe." Now back at home in Miami, Fla., he would love to see Midd friends visiting the Miami/South Florida area. ✳**Holly Cookis** writes: "I finally relocated for my new job as regional special events manager for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. I am now living in the Albany, N.Y., area and welcome visits from Midd friends!" ✳**Buck Wallace** writes: "As most everyone knows, I was lucky enough to join a group of emergency physicians at the St. John's Hospital in Jackson Hole, Wyo. So if you want to see Yellowstone and you'll be in the area, my new address is P.O. Box 1903, Jackson, WY 83001. ✳**Anne Harris** and Charles Wartchow, a Wisconsin native, were married in San Francisco's Mission District on June 15. Following their small family ceremony, they celebrated with a trip to the Carmel coast. Anne teaches English at Menlo School, while Charles is a science researcher in Silicon Valley. ✳Derek and **Olga Jackson Koecher** welcomed daughter Keelie Alexandra on April 5 in Buenos Aires. Olga and Derek continue to live in Buenos Aires, while Olga telecommutes to her job in Bethesda, Md., and Derek is director of South America for a U.S. telecom company." ✳**Geoff** and Sarah Chick '92 **Kuli** report: "We have a new baby girl! Clara Elizabeth Kuli was born on July 16. She joins her big brother, Peter (2), at our home in Lexington, Mass." ✳**Sonja Wing** called from her home in Lincoln, Neb., to say she's coming to Reunion! She'll be leaving for Australia right after that. ✳**Carolyn Ramos** is loving trial work as a civil litigation attorney with the law firm of Butt, Thornton & Baehr in Albuquerque, N.M. "Earlier this year I was elected president of the Lawyer's Leadership Training Institute. My husband, Chad Cooper '95, and I got back to Midd for Middlebury Alumni of Color Weekend last winter—and I would not miss my TEN YEAR (gasp)

class reunion in June for the world. I hope we get a great turnout! I'd love to hear from folks at scramos@btblaw.com.
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Ethan McKittrick earned his J.D. from Loyola Univ. Chicago School of Law in 2002 and became a new associate to the law firm of Wildman Harrold in Chicago. ✳ **Katherine Behrens Crosby** and husband Scott recently moved to Andover, Mass. Having completed her master of arts in interior design, Katherine is practicing residential interior design at a firm in Brookline. ✳ Heidi Schneringer and **Kevin Marshall** were married on March 9 at Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Va. **Brent Cossrow** was among the groomsmen. Still a resident of Alexandria, Va., Kevin recently became a homeowner. He does trial and appellate work in D.C., at the law firm Sidley Austin Brown & Wood. ✳ Nathalie and **Brendan Collins** celebrated the birth of son Aidan Michael on May 11. Brenda is still a surgery resident at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. ✳ After five years of living in Asia, **Martha Rhode Hayward** returned to the U.S. in 2000 to attend Harvard Business School. On July 11, 2001, she married Colin Hayward, a Motorola project manager, originally from Melbourne, Australia. Martha and Colin met at a ball in Beijing when both were expats there. A June 2002 graduate of Harvard Business School, she was looking forward to working soon for Monitor, a management consulting firm. The Haywards, who recently bought their first house in Newton, Mass., welcomed son Ethan James Hayward on July 20, 2002.
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After six years in Chicago, **Julie Moriarty** is now working in marketing communications in D.C., working primarily on children's health and safety issues. She recently enjoyed four months in Seattle, despite the rain. Julie recently hung out with **Kate Buckley**, **Kristen Lovely**, **Calista Bailey**, **Hillary Hubbard Pavia**, and **Loralie Rackleff** on the beaches of the Outer Banks in North Carolina. ✳ **Martha Mullane** is currently enrolled at Harvard Graduate School of Education. ✳ **Roberta Stewart** wrote from D.C., where she started a new job in September as a trial attorney with the Department of Transportation: "The job is going very well—quality of life with the federal government is good. I also love D.C., and am filling any spare time with lots of Ultimate Frisbee. I'd like to see a Midd alumni team for a tournament soon! I took three weeks off before starting the new job, and visited Paula and **Steve Sidore** and their new baby, Dante Rosario Sidore, near Charlottesville, Va., where Steve is a Ph.D. student in German at UVA. The Sidores are now in Berlin, Germany, where Steve has a Fulbright scholarship to study East German film. My next stop was Brandon, Vt., to see **Janine** and **Foster (Goodrich) Hetherington** and their new baby, James Foster Hetherington. I then spent a week working for Dick Catlin '56 and his family at their guest camp, Timberlock, in the Adirondacks. The final stop of my 'tween job vacation was NYC, where I got to spend quality time on the Upper East Side with **Maya Van Putten** and Duffy Thompson '94. It was one of the best vacations I've ever had, with great weather, and full of my favorite Middlebury people. I look forward to more good Midd events in D.C." ✳ **Lauren Johnson** was married to Edward Pricer on July 13 at Mead Chapel. Shortly after returning from their honeymoon in the South Pacific, the newlyweds decided to relocate to Vermont from Boston. Lauren is now back on campus working as an assistant director of annual giving, and Ted is working as an engineer at IDX Corporation in South Burlington. They live in nearby Weybridge with their dog, Elmo. ✳ **Maria Arias-Clarke** reports: "I married my best friend, Eugene Clarke, on the beautiful afternoon of February 27, 2002, on a beach of the Caribbean island of Nevis. I work as a supervising budget analyst for New York City's Mayor's Office of Management and Budget. Eugene is a network administrator for a national preferred provider organization." ✳ Joseph and **Nicole Mathews Engler** are happy to announce the arrival of daughter Isabella Nicole Engler on July 14. The Englers live in San Francisco, where Nicole was commencing law school at the Univ. of Calif. Hastings College of the Law this fall. ✳ Rebecca and **Jeff Mebel** welcomed daughter Patton Amanda Mebel to their family on October 11. Jeff is in his second year of business school at UNC-Chapel Hill.
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On behalf of the class, we thank **Jen Varney** for her services as co-class secretary these past six years. Jen passes the torch to **Amanda Gordon**, always a regular contributor to the class notes, who will now officially put her skills to work. Welcome Amanda! ✳ **Claudia Schnipper** celebrated her one-year anniversary this Labor Day, as she worked hard in her first year out of medical school. ✳ **Rebecca Kirk** graduated last spring with an MBA from MIT/Sloan; she's returning as a senior associate at Analysis Group/Economics in Boston. She spent the summer in Brazil, where she celebrated with classmates. ✳ Congratulations to **Becky DiScipio Leach** and her husband on the arrival of daughter Zoe in October 2001. ✳ **Christy Picard** and **Jason Dimmig** were married in August. Christy writes: "We are no longer Vermonters. Jason is doing his residency at UCDavis Med Center in Sacramento. We miss Vermont, but are loving the sun in the meantime." ✳ **Dan O'Brien** received the Young Alumni Achievement Award for 2002 at Homecoming. Dan recently relocated to Sewanee, Tenn., for a two-semester residency as the Tennessee Williams Fellow in Playwriting. ✳ **Shannon Haines** is excited to be the new director of the Maine International Film Festival, an event that draws thousands to Waterville each summer. Shannon already knows quite a bit about managing volunteers, as she has been in charge of about 100 volunteers as a recycling planner in the state planning office for the past two years. ✳ **Nancy Fallen** is also working in the movie industry, as artistic director for the USA Film Festival based in Dallas, Tx. ✳ **Kim Barnet** was traveling like a mad-woman all summer for Middlebury weddings. She reports that **Kate Barry**, **Sue Driscoll**, and **Elizabeth Simpson** all have new last names. She also spent a weekend on Cape Cod with **Gabi Belfort**, **Dave Wolman**, and friends. Kim is in New York working for an executive search firm called Gundersen Partners, while entertaining opportunities tied to China. ✳ **Courtney Marsh** has left Boston, and her term as president of the Boston Middlebury Alumni Association, for business school at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. A big thank you to Courtney from all of us in Boston for a job well done! Her predecessor in that important volunteer role was another Class of '96 volunteer, **Jess Angell** (another excellent BMAA president). ✳ **Chris Andrews** has also left the Bay State for business school, starting at Georgetown this fall. **Andrew Kvaal**, however, couldn't pull himself away from his Boston friends and has stayed on in his Beacon Hill apartment (with roommates including **Charlie Whinery**), while starting an insane course load at Sloan School of Management. During the summer, he took some time off and did a little traveling (despite a broken leg from a brutal soccer game), including a four-day sea kayaking adventure in the Atlantic Ocean off northern Maine. He was joined by '96ers **Jethro** and **Molly Bschorr Ferguson**, **Matt Trail**, **Jess Angell**, **Amy Atwood**, and **Ashley McMullin**. (See photo online.) ✳ **Chad Stern** has returned to his high school alma mater Phillips Academy, where he has joined the admissions staff part time and will also coach water polo and swimming. ✳ **Craig Beni** caught up with **Ethan Beck** on Nantucket last summer. Craig has been working on Nantucket since graduation. ✳ Living in Bethel, Me., **Tracey Wilkerson** is teaching at Gould Academy and caretaking a horse farm, offering horse-drawn carriages and sleighs while waiting for the snow to fall. ✳ In Portland, Me., **Lisa Caruso** is a senior financial analyst at L.L. Bean Corporate HQ in the budget department. She lives literally next door to **Laurel Cox** in an adorable apartment complex with amazing views. This summer, they were both in San Fran with a large Middlebury contingent for **Dan Mucha**'s wedding, including **Bruce Brown**, **Jim Falcione**, **Christy Thomsen**, **Susie Van Buren**, **Mo Renganathan**, **Sid Suri**, **Beth Del**

Women's lacrosse alumni gathered in Vail, Colorado, in July 2002 to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their NCAA national championship.

Colliano Pasmantier, **Jeff Brown**, **Tracy Varghese**, **John Goyert**, and Chris Carter '95. Dan and Laurie Record celebrated their nuptials on a beautiful June day in Tiburon, Calif. Shortly thereafter, bride and groom jetted to Japan to kick off their honeymoon with a visit to the World Cup Finals. Dan writes, "Laurie and I live in the Rockridge neighborhood of Oakland. She works at the American Cancer Society, and I just started business school at Berkeley. As it happens, two other Midd people are in my b-school class, **Sid Suri** and Doug Tsao '95." ✳ **Steph King Lemke** and husband Aaron had their second child on September 9! Aaron "James" Lemke Jr. has already

won over his big sister, Kelsey Lindsay. The Lemkes live in Baltimore, Md.
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Rob Birdsong has relocated to Redondo Beach, Calif. He still commutes weekly to NYC, while working for Accenture. ✳ **Jamee Field** is attending Northwestern's philanthropy MBA program. ✳ **Liz Morgan** recently moved to NYC, after finishing Cornell Law. ✳ **Chris Clough** graduated from the Univ. of New England last spring. As a physician assistant at Frisbee Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.H., he often road trips to Boston to hang out with **Jim Walsh, Mike Anastasio**, and **Marc Belliveau**. ✳ After five years in the Bay Area, **Matt** and **Amy Berezin Ford** relocated in August for Matt to attend the Tufts Univ. School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton, Mass. While Matt plays with animals, Amy is working at a biopharmaceutical start-up in Boston. ✳ **Kate Lynch** "spent a whirlwind week with Chris Farrell '98 in Bologna, Italy," before graduating last spring from the Univ. of Maine School of Law, alongside Loralie Rackleff '95, Sean Kerwin '85, and Meg Hart '96. Kate began a trial court clerkship in August, then plans to join the real estate practice group of a law firm in Maine. While "studying" for the Maine and Mass bar exams, she spent the Fourth of July in Boston with '99s Ben Block, Matt Saxton, and John Couch. She also spent time with Cam Brown '99, **Heather Thompson Sanborn**, and **Rian Alfiaro**. ✳ Based in Boston, iKatun is a non-profit collective of artists and technologists cofounded in 2000 by Catherine D'Ignazio and **Savic Rasovic**. IKatun (www.ikatun.com) creates multimedia, installation, and performance artworks. ✳ **Joseph Pearson** writes: "I'm currently working for the United Nations Development Programme in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. All best from here." ✳ **Hassan Sachedina** has been working as senior program officer for African Wildlife Foundation in Arusha, Tanzania. In October he moved to the U.K. to start a Ph.D. in ecology at the Univ. of Oxford. "After residency, I'll be back in Tanzania analyzing the impact of conservation enterprises on community livelihoods and working with AWF in Arusha. Anyone passing through, please drop me a line at h_sach@yahoo.com." ✳ Seth '94 and **Chamblin Johnson Ruoss** celebrated the first birthday of son Nate in September. ✳ This summer/fall, many classmates got married. **Stephanie Pindyck** and Anthony Costantino were married on July 13 in beautiful Thousand Islands, N.Y. In attendance were **Amy Flanders**, Jed Harris '99, **Rob Birdsong**, and **Matt Ralston**. ✳ On September 21, **Elizabeth Frazier** and Dane St. John were married in Birmingham, Ala. ✳ In the Berkshires, Holly Fuchs and **Brad Soroca** were married on September 22. ✳ The marriage of Lucy Craig and **Abraham Cary** took place on September 28 in Westhampton Beach, N.Y. ✳ **Matt Bijur, Mike Bender, Keith Liljegren, Al Finkelstein, Nick Wilkoff**, and Franklin Foster '98 enjoyed a fun-filled weekend in Las Vegas at the end of the summer. On October 5, **Maggie Bittinger** and **Keith Liljegren** were married on the island of Nantucket. By Maggie's side were **Shannon Reilly, Christine McCann Hamner, Laine Catlin, Whit Parks, Amy DiAdamo**, and **Sara Vintiadis McCall**. ✳ We've recently learned that our class raised over $100,000 in honor of our fifth year reunion. Thank you all for your continuing support! If you have any news to report, please send Jackie or Jocelyn an e-mail.
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Happy New Year to everyone. 2003 will be a year of exciting events for the members of our class: engagements, weddings, grad school, travels, job changes, and even babies abound. Mark your calendars now because our FIFTH REUNION will be the weekend of June 6-8! You don't want to pass up this FUN weekend in Vermont to catch up with friends and enjoy the beautiful place we called home for four years. And PLEASE e-mail us more updates about you and your friends! We want to include the whole class in Midd Notes. ✳ **Mike Stineman** writes in with another update: The first weekend of August on a blistering hot day, an all-Midd squad competed in the 15th Annual Rock Run on Nantucket. The Rock Run is a race around the island, totaling over 50 miles on the beach. Team Thor Volvosson, in its 5th competition, won its division and placed 2nd out of 40 teams. This year's team was composed of Dr. Aaron "The Instigator" Baggish '97, Fast **Freddy Johansson**, Stylin' **Stevo Anderson**, Brett "The Threat" **Alessi**, and **Eric** "Ironman" **Lowe**. The team completed the race, averaging close to 7.5-minute miles on the beach and lost the overall competition by a paltry 5.5 minutes. Thor Volvosson was supported throughout the day by **Mike** "Stiney" **Stineman** and others, with water, food, transportation, psychological inspiration, and musical interludes on the famous one note horn. Held the first weekend of August each year, it's a great event to support a variety of charities for anyone willing to endure the pain. ✳ After graduating from Boston Univ. School of Law in May 2002, **Jon Elder** (elder_jon@yahoo.com) took the Massachusetts Bar Exam on July 31/August 1, then spent the following seven weeks traveling and relaxing. Now living in Watertown, he started work as an associate with the law firm of Palmer & Dodge LLP in Boston on September 23. ✳ **Chris** and **Rachel Huskey Fliegauf** are finally getting settled down, after finding employment and a new house in Charlotte, N.C. They hope they can get back up to Vermont soon. ✳ **Tanya Boudakian** writes: "After leaving my post at Le Cirque (to the very capable Meegan Moszynski '01) and a brief stint with a NYC boutique PR firm, I am now in the process of starting my own public relations company (I specialize in—what else—chefs, restaurants, and food people) and trying to open a pastry shop with my boyfriend, who is an established pastry chef here in New York. We just got back from Brazil for **Davis Hodge**'s wedding to Cintia Fantini. The few (but proud) Midd "representatives" (me, **Dave Thomas**, and Todd Hankinson '97) all had a blast. They were crazy enough to let us, their families, and about 12 other friends from grad school come along on the honeymoon. It was great." ✳ Heather Hunt and **Kirby Salerno** were married in an amazing lakeside ceremony and reception on the shores of Lake George, N.Y. Groomsmen in the September 7 wedding included **Tim Weld, Dave Johnson, Scott Hendrick, Jason Boatright**, and **Ryan Harter**. The best man was Kirby's brother, Ren Salerno '89. The marriage unites two talented singers: Kirby sang with the Mamajamas at Middlebury and Heather sang with Brown University's a capella group. The two groups actually performed together in Mead Chapel, but the bride and groom did not meet until they worked together at a think tank in D.C. The action-packed weekend reportedly included bonfires, skinny dipping, a varsity kickball match, and Kirby's infamous rendition of "Lola." ✳ **Geo Thompson** has been working on a film that she wrote, called *For the Love*. "We will be shooting it this fall; you can check out the treatment www.iluminatti.com. I'm also working at New Line Cinema; nothing glamorous, but it's paying the bills." ✳ **Kelly Johnson** is L-I-V-I-N. After a glorious month in Hawaii, spent surfing the big kahuna and dropping phrases like "surf's up," Kelly flew around the globe to visit **Elizabeth Gerber** in Germany. Gerbs was hand selected last year by an international art committee to install, work at, and write a book about Documenta 11, a contemporary art show in Kassel, Germany. When the show closed, Kelly and Elizabeth traveled to Budapest, various cities in Croatia along the Adriatic, and finished the trip in Italy.
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Has your contact information changed lately? You can send your updated information to alumni@middlebury.edu. A 1999 class gathering is being planned in the Boston area. Make sure that Middlebury knows if you're in the Boston area so you don't miss out! ✳ **Betsy Saunders**, who is completing her master's in linguistics and TESOL, recently met up with **Marcela Klicova** and Daniel Perett '00 for a weekend of sushi-making and racquetball. Marcela and Daniel are pursuing graduate degrees in history of early Christianity and medieval studies at Notre Dame Univ. They were looking forward to a road trip to Middlebury in August. ✳ **Suzanne Chepren** is teaching AP economics and honors pre-calculus at the Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn. ✳ While working at NYU, **Melinda Morrill** is a student in two master's programs, social work and journalism: "I'm hoping to have a private psychotherapy practice some day, and then write about it!" She reports that **Jeff Ippolito** has started a master's in engineering at Rutgers Univ. ✳ **Hannah Flynn** is at Penn Vet, scheduled to graduate in May 2005. She sent a gigantic update for our class: **Marna Whittington** will graduate from Duke Law School in May with a J.D. and master's in environmental management. Living in San Francisco, **Liza Hinman** and **Liza Shaw** are attending culinary school. **Tim Ireland** left Boston to take a job in Vermont involving nanotechnology. **Suzanne Pariser** moved to Denver to start law school. Living in Brooklyn, **Morgan Porzio** is working in nonprofit and getting her master's from NYU in urban planning. Also in Brooklyn, **Rite Moisio** is an associate at Bernstein Alliance. **Christina Winters** has moved from Shanghai to Tucson to begin her master's in creative writing. In Warren, Vt., **Lyndley Mercer** is teaching and beginning her master's in education. **Grace Amao** was in Key West and Montauk, N.Y., and home in Vermont, until making her NYC debut. **Buffy Hastings** left Breckenridge ski patrol to begin her master's in wildlife biology in Ft. Collins, Colo. ✳ **Jenn Cappeto, Ginette Chapman, Kerri Noto, Patti Osborne, Amy Simpson,**

and **Junaid Ziauddin** have begun a memorial fund for **Shwe Yee Mon**, marking the second anniversary of her passing on April 29. As they wrote, "In honor of the phenomenal woman that Shwe was, and the many contributions that she made to every life she touched, the Middlebury community and the world, it is our goal to establish a permanent fund in her name. [We are] inspired by Shwe's vivacious spirit and dedication to making every day count. We hope others will join us in this effort." (See www.middlebury.edu/~giving/gift-online.) ✳**John Felton** began his MBA at Harvard, after his summer camping adventures in N.H. with **Mike Cormier, Joe Kraft, Greg Parent, Adam Burns, Dan Meyer, Chris Lindstrom**, and **Brad Maxwell**. ✳**Sarah Cotton** (who works at a small DVD production company in San Francisco) sent a lot of class updates. On the summer wedding circuit, **Emily Evans** married David Johnson in Minneapolis, Minn., and **Alison Vratil** married Jason Mikula '01 at the Basin Harbor Club in Vermont. Among those sighted at the weddings were **Susan Givens, Lisa Cote, Mimi Doggett, Sarah Cotton, Jen Scott, Karen Moore, Carrie Rockey, Melissa Stewart Bilodeau, Amy Ferenz, Jeanne Lee, Kristin Borden, Martha Alexander, Tamsin Drummondhay, Chris Clark, Josh Silver, Brady Priest, Ethan Mark, Suzie Lopez, Elizabeth Huffman** (also married this summer), **Ross Sealfon, Cam Petke**, and **Nickolai Bobrov**. ✳After teaching film this summer for Putney Student Travel, **Tom Winston** turned out to be an avid soccer fan, supporting Team Papalote (**Amity Wall** and **Sarah Cotton** are members) in San Francisco. Tom spent the summer teaching documentary film to American teenagers in Cuba with Putney Excel (**Liz Frankel** was a fellow instructor on the course). ✳In Boston, **Amy Ferenz** and **Kristin Borden** were sad to see the departure of **Lisa Cote**, who moved to Portsmouth, N.H. ✳In Houston, Tex., **Jeanne Lee** works in the development office of Amigos de las Americas, a nonprofit that trains high school and college students to lead community development projects in Latin America ✳**Martha Alexander** and **Heidi Howard** continue to throw epic parties in NYC, so if you are in the city that never sleeps —you know whom to call. ✳**Josh Silver** is at the Univ. of Maine School of Law in Portland. ✳In Boston, **Jon-Erik Borgen** shares digs with **Peter Ericson** and attends the Berklee College of Music as a dual music/business singer/songwriter major. He and **Adam Pascal, Mike Hussey, Eric Larsen**, and **Mike Faucher** were among those celebrating **Todd Fryatt**'s birthday. ✳**Mimi Doggett** is holding down the fort in London, as **Susan Givens** has started a new job in NYC. ✳**Liz D'Agostino** has a job representing models at IMG Models in NYC. ✳"After walking the earth for eight months," **Ben Humphrey** reports that he has come up with several observations: "1) All plan and no action will find you worse off at the end than the beginning; 2) Many years of one's life will be spent in some skewed balance of having money and no time or time and no money; 3) You should never choose or abandon a line of work for any reasons other than your own. I have also discovered that carpentry is an eminently noble profession and if you want the best noodles in Japan, head to the north end of the south bound shinkansen tracks in Nagoya. It's worth the journey, no matter how far you've come."

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Jen Crystal sent late summer "greetings from Dry Colorado! I am still here, but have relocated to Boulder. I spent the summer in Maine, working at a camp where I've been going for nine years. It's run by Davis '63 and Louise Gulick Van Winkle '64, and Mark '91 and Heidi Van Winkle Gorton '94. Had a great time in Aspen, but decided to relocate for a change of scenery. Got a great job teaching ninth grade English at the Dawson School, where Becca Dunning '97, Travis Aldrich '98, and Arnold Lewis '95 are also teaching. Small world! It has been wonderful so far, but I do miss Middlebury!" ✳**James Sparnon** works in the nonprofit theater of Manhattan. He has gigs as a musician and regularly sees other Midd alums in Brooklyn and Manhattan. He also lives with two other alums. ✳Also enjoying life in NYC are **John Dickie** and **Kate Harrington**. John continues to work in investment banking, while Kate has begun a new job in teaching. ✳**Sandro Sacerdoti** is living in Milan, teaching some English and looking for more interesting full-time work. He recently moved into a new apartment with a few Italian roommates. Most of his summer was spent in the mountains in the north of Italy, and he has spent some time with his Italian relatives. ✳**Claire Casey** is a program assistant for the International Republican Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advancing democracy worldwide. Supporting democracy programs in the Andean region of South America, Claire is focusing on Venezuela and Ecuador. She left in early October to organize IRI's observation of the national elections in Ecuador. ✳**Stephen Taylor** writes to say that Supergood Lives: "I have been working on a Web site, the Supergood O.R.G. (www.supergood.org). It contains several hours of video from my life, including clips from my cross-country trip this summer with my girlfriend, Alaina Buckland '03. There are appearances by many Middlebury friends who graciously hosted us along the way. I am now living in Brooklyn and teaching baby music classes." ✳**Nicole Donovan**, a medical student at the Univ. of Pittsburgh, and Charles Connellan '98, who is completing his MBA at Carnegie Mellon, gave a big party last summer. Partying in Massachusetts were **Jane Calfee, Georgina Duff, Carrie Pistenmaa**, Susan Shepard '01, Phil Audette '98, Ben Christian '98, Topher Lewis '98, and Mark Tromblay '98. ✳In mid-October, **Mike Cordaro** "came back East to run in the Baltimore Marathon, his first marathon. "Man, I wish somebody had told me a marathon was that long. It just about killed me."

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At the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, **Sharon Wilson** has a full-time position in the planetary geology department, looking at land-forms on Mars and Venus. Living with Sharon is **Ellen Guettler**, who has moved to D.C. and is working in public radio. ✳Settled in D.C., **Laura Yee** is teaching fourth grade at Plummer Elementary School through Teach For America: "It's pretty challenging, but I'm hanging in there, and fortunately see **Brent Boscarino, Jess Widay**, and **Tim O'Keefe** quite a bit." ✳**Mike Hartt** moved to D.C. in late summer to begin work at Chlopak Leonard Schechter & Associates, a public relations/strategic communications firm. He frequently sees **Becky Ruby, Will Vaughan**, and **Chris Mitchell**. The group was able to catch up with **Alex Sperling** before she headed off to the U.K. in October to begin graduate school at Oxford. ✳Still living in Manhattan, **Amanda Birns** is now enjoying her new job with Hermes. ✳After graduating from paramedic school in August, **Megan Campbell** began working as a paramedic at Saint Vincent's Hospital in NYC. ✳**Chris Herbert** recently moved to NYC, where he and **Greta Simmons** are keeping very busy. ✳**Ali McGaw** has started her first year in medical school in Long Island, N.Y. ✳**Pauline Gaden** was leaving her job at the New York District Attorney's Office to be a ski instructor in Park City, before starting grad school next year. ✳Last summer, **Christopher McLaughlin** worked for Operation Smile, Inc., as a development associate for the Asia region. He continues his work with Operation Smile in Boston, where he recently moved to become assistant men's basketball coach at Boston Univ. ✳**Leslie Fox** is a research analyst for a trial-consulting firm in Boston, where she worked with **Jess Bean** for the month of September. In October, Jess left Boston for Oxford, to study for her master's in social and economic history. ✳**Sarah Theall** has started her first year at Northeastern Law School. ✳**James Tsai** moved from Somerville, Mass., to central Boston, where he shares an apartment with **Matt Arnould**. ✳Many Boston alums got together in September for the NESCAC Alumni Boston Harbor Cruise, planned by **Margaret Aycock** and **Zach Bourque**. Cruisers included **Kate Griffiths, Kristen Sylva, Leslie Fox, Matt Arnould, James Tsai, Lindsay Frost, Mark Harrington, Russ Miller, Annie Kloppenberg, Lauren Cullings, Yasmin Mahal, Michelle Labbe**, and **Susan Shepard**. ✳Living in Atlanta, **Pete Day**'s work for Discover Adventures now includes running tours in Maine, North Carolina, and Georgia, as well as writing copy for their 2003 catalogue. He continues to write songs and try out the open-mic scene in Atlanta. ✳**Willis Logan** is the president and co-owner of the Virginia Company, "a retail operation specializing in the finest goods of Virginia." ✳**Kristen Lyall** joined Train to End Stroke, a fund-raiser for the American Stroke Association. While training for the Walt Disney World Marathon in January, she was raising over $3,200 in order to participate. ✳**Carolyn Wilsey** is a reporter for the *Addison Independent*. ✳**Dauvin Peterson** works for Meyer Capital Partners, a venture capital firm located in New Canaan, Conn. ✳**Tom Koelbl** began his first year at the Yale Law School this fall. ✳Before starting his second year of physics graduate school at Cornell this fall, **Dan Graham** spent "a belated 'junior year abroad' last summer, doing physics in Lyon, France. He had some great travels in Europe with **Peter Day** and **Kirsten Rohstedt**, and did a hiking tour of Switzerland with **Zak Pritchard** and Megan Harris '00. ✳Having completed his military service, **Jason Toh** is an arts administrator with the National Arts Council, a government agency that funds and promotes the arts in Singapore. He invites Midd travelers to Singapore to contact him at khjason_toh@hotmail.com." ✳After a year working in L.A. for the Capital Group Companies, **Mei Robertson** (mei@alumni.middlebury.edu) was recently transferred to their Singapore and Hong Kong offices to

work on a couple of new projects involving China and Japan for several months. ✳**Hallie Trattner** has been living in Senegal since March 2002, as an environmental education volunteer with the Peace Corps: "Though work is slow, life in the village is great." ✳After this (second) year of medical school at St. George's Univ. School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies, **Arvind Ponnambalam** will be back in New York in May to do his third and fourth year. He would love to hear from friends at ponarv@sgu.edu.

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Eric Devon has moved to D.C., where he is working for Homeland Security and operating under the most secretive of circumstances. ✳**Dave Gaddas** is living in D.C., pursuing a career in acting. ✳I (Anne) spent one month of my summer at Tuck Business School, aka business boot camp, where I was joined by **Alison Branch**, **Morgan Jones**, and **Kirsten Sichler**. I am planning on joining the NYC citizens, where I will be taking up a job with a private investigation firm. Also in my journeys, I have come across **Katharine Wolf** and **Lauren Cacciapaglia**, who were nice enough to invite me to their Chelsea apartment. Katharine sleeps about three hours a night on average, and Lauren has picked up a hobby of cooking up strange after-dinner drinks. ✳I received an e-mail from the infamous **Tripp Donelan**, who is working out of London for the WestLB Bank. Tripp says to say that **Luke Coppedge** sends his love and offers discounted b wings at Outback. ✳I have also learned that **Brett Dorfman** is teaching 36 young children in Brooklyn: "My kids think I'm cool cause I have a nose ring and cause I'm down with Alicia Keys." Looks like Brett is in control of her domain. ✳Word has it that **Greg Williams** is still practicing his violin in Pittsburgh. ✳I recently ran into **Liz Gailun** and **Deb Willis** in NYC. Last we saw Liz, she was having words with the DJ at **Emily Shiolino**'s graduation party for playing an obsolete version of "Baby Got Back." ✳**Katie Tallon** and **Brian Ferry** are living in NYC, as well as **Morgan Jones**, his cousin **Lee Jones**, and **Ben Weber**. ✳**Megan Sands** will be working at Edelman Public Relations in NYC, where she'll be teaching medical education. ✳**Hilary Johnson**, who was living in Austria all summer, has assured us all that she will return with lots of good techno. ✳**Bibba Walke** has spent some time in Spain, and **Sebbi Astrada**, **Pace Ralli**, and **John Parsons** plan to continue their world travels in Bali. That is, after they complete their LSAT tests. ✳**Nick Lesher**, last I heard, was moving to Turkey. ✳**Meg Roach** and **Eliza Johnson** are getting within reach of attaining their master's degrees in French at the Middlebury School in Paris. ✳The infamous Gent, also know as **John Parkin Kent**, has officially left the building. He flew East to Madrid, Spain, carried by the trade winds and his student visa. He will study two years for a master's in Spanish. ✳**Derek Chicarilli** now resides near the Roman aqueducts, where he has a busy schedule in a TEFL course. ✳Big **Nick Dutton-Swain** and **Kevin Immonje** have migrated south to Boston (Somerville) where the Big One now attends Harvard Medical School and Greased Lightning works as a consultant. They both play for the Boston Men's Club Rugby team in their spare time. ✳For others in Beantown, the Kells bar in Allston has become a Middlebury Mecca, where such unlikely culprits as **Dane Callow**, **Mason Smith**, **Spencer Godfrey**, **Mary Katherine O'Brien**, and Natalie Portman, who attends Harvard have all been spotted. ✳**Annie Nichols** and **Michelle Mejia** have moved into a beautiful apartment in Allston on Harvard Avenue. Michelle hates her job and Annie is still looking for one. ✳Now attending BU business school, **William Perkins** is meeting tons of new and exciting people in the Boston area. ✳"Go west, young man," said the voice inside **Churchill Franklin**, who now resides in the high country of Jackson Hole, Wyo. He works as a hotelier in beautiful ski country. ✳Teaching the youth of America in Boulder, Colo., **Sarah Knoebel** recently received such visitors as **Amanda Maxwell** and **Laura Bloom**, touring cross country, as well as **Dana Gordon**, who lives in Steamboat. ✳Colorado has also beckoned **Paige Ellwood** (ppellwood@hotmail.com), who now has the opportunity to caress cats and fondle fish as a veterinary assistant. She has offered her abode to visitors in the vicinity. ✳**Andrew DuPont** (adupont@middlebury.edu) loves working in the film industry, shooting commercials for Quaker State, Arby's, ESPN, and Ford. ✳**Zach Herbert** got a nice mention in the Sept./Oct. issue of *Lacrosse Magazine*. Robert Sideli '77 advises Zach that "now you have to add a long string of Vail championships to your records!" ✳**Julia Bergofsky** has been hired as an assistant coach for the Trinity College field hockey and women's lacrosse teams.

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LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

Salmon Publishing recently released *Stretches*, the latest collection of poetry by **Knute Skinner** (M.A. '54). ✳**Robert Kauffman** (M.A. '68) is retiring December 31, after 30 years in the performing arts dept. of Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, Md. He ended his career with the fall production of *Peter Pan*. ✳**Wesley McNair** (M.A. '68; M.Litt. '75) served on the nominating jury for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. He published two books in 2002: *Fire* (Godine), a collection of poetry, and *Mapping the Heart* (Carnegie Mellon), essays on place and poetry. In May he received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Colby-Sawyer College for literary distinction. ✳**Monica Weis** SSJ (M.A. '73) was one of 17 invited participants from four continents to a week of "contemplative dialogue" on the topic of "Spirituality and the Environment," sponsored by the Thomas Merton Foundation and held at the Trappist Abbey, Gethsemani, Ky. Monica is working on a book about Merton and nature. ✳**Steven Song** (M.A. '96) has been named head of Cambridge School, with 115 K-8 pupils, in northern Baltimore County. Steven and wife **Lori Song** (M.A. '96) and their two daughters live in Lutherville, Md. ✳**Jessica Rozear** (M.A. '02) is a second-year humanities teacher at the New School in Kennebunk, Me.

French

Joseph Reish (M.A. '67) has been chosen the new dean of university libraries at Western Mich. Univ. He had been serving as interim dean since July 2000. He has been an active scholar of 18th-century French literature, and continues to teach both that subject and English literature. ✳**Joan Buhlmann** (M.A. '69) and William A. Jenkins Jr. were married on December 21, 2001, in Chestertown, Md. They are living in Estes Park, Colo. Middlebury roommate **Christine Olppin Pabon** (M.A. French '69) and **Thomas Pabon** (M.A. Spanish '65) presented the bride, and their son, **Timothy Pabon** '96, sang. ✳**Nancy Lenthe Dowling** (M.A. '71) is a management consultant based in Columbus, Ohio. With a Ph.D. from Ohio State Univ., her areas of expertise include training and development, organizational performance analysis, and performance management systems. ✳After five years in Boston, **Laura Moses** (M.A. '95; Spanish '96) has moved back to Charleston, S.C. ✳Terry and **Sally Watson Cushmore** (M.A. '97) are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Susannah Jeannette on September 3. Sally would love to hear from her Parisian classmates at salewats@aol.com. ✳**Nicole Kamine** ('01) and Eric Wilhelm were married on August 3 in Pompton Lakes, N.J. They met at the Saddle River (N.J.) Day School, where she teaches French and he teaches English.

German

Since November 1975, **C. Richard Beam** (M.A. '57) has been writing weekly newspaper columns in *Pennsylvania German*. For 10 years he has been publishing the *Journal of the Center for Pennsylvania German Studies*, and for 20 years an English-Pennsylvania German dictionary in print. Two new Pennsylvania German-English dictionaries were due to be published in late 2002. ✳**Marianna McKim** (M.A. '92) and Reinhart Sonnenburg were married last May in Lyme, N.H. Both work at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H, Marianna as an assistant director for research in the foundation and corporate relations department, and Reinhart as the reference bibliographer for German and classical studies.

Italian

In Indianapolis, Ind., **Laura Bommarito** (M.A. '93) and **Andrew Miles** (M.A. '97) are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Sofie Josephine on August 17.

Spanish

Mary Carole Haibach (M.A. '91) is a teacher of Spanish and German in Millcreek Township School District, Erie, Pa. In 2000, she applied for the NECTFL/Mead Leadership Fellowship, sponsored by the Northeast Conference for Teachers of Foreign Languages. Her current project is developing a handbook of strategies for world language teachers to empower students with special needs and academically at-risk students. ✳In Memphis, Tenn., **Jose Velazquez** (M.A. '91) works with Latino Memphis Conexion, a service and advocacy agency founded in response to the Hispanic community, one of the fastest growing segments of the local population. Latino Memphis helps people overcome the language barrier, acquire access to health facilities, fill out job applications, and become integrated into the community.

23 **Ward L. Oliver**, 100, of Cobleskill, N.Y., on August 16, 2002. He entered the premedical course at Middlebury in 1921, transferring after two years to Columbia Univ., and completing his medical degree at Albany Medical College. He opened a general practice in Cobleskill in 1929. He was commissioned surgeon (major) in the U.S. Public Health Service during World War II. His first marriage to Rosemary (Meyer) ended in divorce. Second wife Virginia (Loucks) joined him in his practice in 1949. He earned a master's in public health (Univ. of Mich., 1959) and served at the state health department until 1967, when he was named assistant prof. in postgraduate medicine at Albany Medical Center. Retiring in 1974, he continued in private practice until 1992 in Cobleskill, where he was very active in community affairs. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters from his first marriage, Carol Rodewig, Gail DeYoung, and Nancy White; two children from his second marriage, Margot Cavalier and Ward J. Oliver '77; and 10 grandchildren.

28 **John P. Hoyt**, 95, of Lancaster, Pa., on August 11, 2002. With a master's in statistics (Columbia) and a doctorate in mathematics (George Washington Univ.), he taught mathematics for 55 years, including 26 years at the U.S. Naval Academy. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves. He wrote articles and authored textbooks on probability and statistics. Preceded in death by daughter Beverly, he is survived by wife Carol (Beardsell), sons Peter and Paul, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

31 **Ruth Morrison Wilcox**, 81, of West Palm Beach, Fla., on October 16, 2002. She lived for 40 years in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where she was a free-lance bookkeeper. She moved to Florida following the devastation of Hurricane Hugo. Predeceased by husband Edward D. Wilcox in 1976, she leaves stepchildren Barbara Seedman, Virginia Ferguson, and Edward Wilcox, Jr.

32 **Harwood W. Cummings**, 93, of Greenfield, Mass., on October 22, 2002. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School (1936) and served as physician to Northfield-Mount Hermon Schools until volunteering for the Army Air Force during World War II, when he was a flight surgeon in England and North Africa. His obstetrics practice in Greenfield lasted from 1947 until his retirement in 1975, during which time he delivered more than 7,000 babies in Franklin County. His later positions included medical director of Franklin Nursing Home. He leaves wife Flores (Aja) and a brother.

32 **Belle Ingalls Leighton**, 91, of Venice, Fla., on August 28, 2002. The owner and operator of retail stores in Portland, Me., she continued to summer in Maine after moving to Venice 35 years ago. In Venice, she was a hospital volunteer and was active in AAUW, her church, and its women's fellowship. Predeceased by husband Guy M. Leighton, she leaves sisters Jean Needham and Dorothy Buchanan, and brother Bradford W. Ingalls '50.

36 **Gordon E. Hoyt**, 87, of Hartford, Conn., on October 2, 2002. He served during World War II in the Field Artillery for nearly five years. He taught French and music for several years; while teaching in Hamden, he became involved in repairing church organs. This led to a 30-year career with Austin Organs in Hartford. He was also a church choir director and played the viola da gamba with amateur musical groups.

37 **Catherine Branch Frasure**, 86, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 13, 2002. She assisted her husband in the management of a large grain farm in central Ohio. In addition to family, her interests included church work, music, sewing, chair caning, and traveling. She leaves husband Harold R. Frasure, daughters Nancy Lewis and Betsy Dwight, a sister, and four grandchildren.

38 **Elizabeth Galvin Davis**, 86, of St. Albans, Vt., on August 30, 2002. With a degree from Brattleboro Business Institute and a master's from NYU (1940), she taught mathematics and history in several high schools. For many years, she was assistant to the Essex Junction town manager. She leaves daughter Diane Davis Villemaire; sons Gary, Ronald, and Tim Davis; four sisters; two brothers; and a granddaughter.

Raeburn B. Stiles, 87, of Nashville, Tenn., on September 20, 2002. With advanced degrees from Peabody College and Vanderbilt Univ., he was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Other former positions included associate prof. of engineering and mathematics at Vanderbilt, director of computer services for the interstate highway system, and director of management services for the Treasury Department of the State of Tennessee. He is survived by wife Carol Flascher Stiles '39, daughter Susan Sibley, and two granddaughters.

James A. Zett, 85, of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., on June 19, 2001. He participated in the Invasion of Normandy while serving in the Navy during World War II. He was an attorney with the U.S. Government (1946-1955), had a private practice in Fishkill, N.Y. (1955-1964), and (from 1956-1962) served as judge for the Village of Fishkill. In 1981, he retired as a legal editor for the Matthew Bender Co. Survivors include daughter Suzanne Chaves, son John Zett, two sisters, and three grandchildren.

39 **Robert A. Adriance**, 84, of Virginia Beach, Va., on September 12, 2002. As an Army second lieutenant, he trained men for the invasion of Normandy and served in France through the remainder of World War II. Earning a degree in business from Georgetown Univ., he served as VP of the U.S. Life Insurance Co. and helped found the Washington Society of Stock Analysts. Survivors include wife Isabel (Long), son Robert Jr., daughters Grace Frierson and Carol Smith, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth Barnum Coburn, 84, of Bedford, Mass., on September 5, 2002. As the wife of a now-retired Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts, she wove her own kind of Christian ministry into the fabric of daily life. Predeceased by infant daughter Cynthia Anne and by sister Helen Barnum Ramsaur '37, she is survived by husband John B. Coburn, sons Thomas and Michael, daughters Judith Klein and Sarah Borgeson, and sister Eleanor Barnum Gardner '38.

Mary Ladd Dezendorf Hair, 84, of Winston-Salem, N.C., on August 27, 2002. She lived for 50 years in a house she built herself in Westport, N.Y. With a master's degree from SUNY, Plattsburgh, she taught high school home economics, retiring in 1979. She was predeceased by first husband Malcolm Dezendorf, by second husband Howard Hair, and by brother Hammond Ladd Jr. '50. Her late father, Hammond Ladd, graduated from Middlebury in 1913. Survivors include daughter Laurie Dezendorf McCabe, sons Ladd Dezendorf and David Hair, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, brother Richard Ladd, and sister Edith Ladd Evans '41.

41 **Margaret Beach Whittlesey**, 83, of South Hero, Vt., on October 24, 2002. A graduate of the Univ. of Pa. School of Social Work (1943), she was a medical social work consultant in the Vermont Health Department until joining the faculty of UVM in 1964. At UVM, she helped develop the social work education program and became associate prof. emeritus in 1982. She continued to serve in leadership capacities for social concerns and public health organizations. Her many cousins include William S. Whittlesey '75 and the late W. Noel Whittlesey '35.

42 **Wilfred T. Ouimette**, 83, of Falmouth, Mass., and Burlington, Vt., on August 1, 2002. An Army veteran of World War II, he graduated from Albany Law School (1948) and worked in insurance until 1960, when he began his law practice specializing in Worker's Compensation Law in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He was a founding partner of the law firms of Miller & Ouimette and Ouimette, Goldstein, and Andrews in Poughkeepsie. Retiring in 1980, he lived in Sarasota, Fla., and East Falmouth, Mass., until moving to South Burlington in 2000. Predeceased by wife Mary Bidwell Ouimette '43 in 1998, he leaves daughter Leslie Ouimette Jones '74; sons James '71, David, and Robert Ouimette; a brother; and 10 grandchildren.

44 **Fiammetta Donati Blossom**, 82, of Hingham, Mass., on October 17, 2002, in Valladolid, Spain. Born in Florence, Italy, she moved to the U.S. as a teen. She taught kindergarten, music, and languages in the Hull and Marshfield, Mass., school systems. Predeceased by sister Mary Donati Shannonhouse '40, she leaves sons Richard Mahfood and Robert Blossom, daughters Emily Collazo and Sarah Blossom, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Robert M. Klein, 78, of New York City and Elmore, Vt., on October 1, 2002, of cancer. Leaving Middlebury in December 1942 to enlist in the Navy, he served for three years as a sonar operator and an officer in the Pacific Theater. After completing his education at Syracuse Univ., he taught in the economics department at Middlebury and worked for Eastman Kodak, before beginning a 20-year career as a foreign service officer with the Department of State and the USAID Program, serving in Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, Guyana, and Mauritania. He received the Medal for Civilian Service in Vietnam and an award for work during the North African drought in the mid-1970s. Retiring to Elmore, Vt., he created a series of paintings of Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. He was commissioned to write *An American Century: The History of Massanutten Military Academy* (published 2001). Predeceased by wife Priscilla (Chapman) in 1999, he leaves daughter Christine Scherman, son Kurt Klein, twin brother Kurt K. Klein '44, and four grandchildren.

45 **Edward F. Cooke**, 79, of Catonsville, Md., on August 12, 2002. A Navy veteran of World War II, he earned an M.A. from Brown Univ. and a Ph.D. from Northwestern Univ. He served on the political science faculty at the Univ. of Pittsburgh until his retirement in 1985, when he was granted professor emeritus status. He produced two textbooks and numerous articles. He was also active in politics, serving first as mayor of Oakmont (Pa.), and then as Allegheny County Treasurer for three terms. Predeceased by wife Dorothy Cleary Cooke '44 in 1995, he leaves daughters Patricia A. Baughman, Nancy J. Cooke, and Mary E. Fong; and six grandchildren.

46 **Marion Roberts Klaisz**, 78, of Woodbury and Ocean City, N.J., on September 28, 2002. She taught nursery school for 32 years at Tiny Tots in Woodbury and Greenwood Nursery Schools in Woodbury Heights. In addition to her church, her memberships included the Underwood Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Tavistock Country Club, and the Gloucester County and Ocean City Humane Societies. She was predeceased by husband R. Edward Klaisz, Jr.

Jane Billings Webb, 77, of Abington, Pa., on August 27, 2002. An elementary school teacher in Maine, she also lived in Texas for a time, and then became a teacher's assistant in special education (1977-1989) in Rydalbrook School in Abington. Predeceased by husband G. Walter Webb '46 in 1997, she is survived by sons David, Douglas, and Timothy Webb; daughters Nancy Cole and Rebecca Gillard; a sister; and 13 grandchildren.

47 **Thomas F. Cruess**, 80, of Cheshire, Conn., on October 4, 2002. He was awarded combat medals for his service as a sergeant in the Army during World War II, European Theater of Operations. As a production engineer, he worked for the Waterbury Steel Ball Co. and was an engineering supervisor for the New Britain Plastic Machine Co. He was a founding member of the Church of the Epiphany in Cheshire. Besides wife Eleanor (Mathews), survivors include sons Thomas and Michael Cruess, daughter Eleanor Howlett, two brothers, a sister, nine grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

49 **Gordon C. Perine**, 80, of Middlebury, Vt., on October 21, 2002. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater on Iwo Jima, Saipan, and Tinian, receiving a field commission, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart for his service. He was called back into service during the Korean War. Attending Middlebury on the GI Bill, he soon joined the admissions office and continued to work for Middlebury for 42 years. A tireless fund-raiser, his career in alumni relations spanned generations of Middlebury alumni. In the town, he served on the boards of United Way of Addison County, Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Porter Hospital, and many others. He was a charter member and past president of the Middlebury Lions Club and served St. Stephen's Episcopal Church as treasurer for 20 years. In 2000, he and wife Alice Neef Perine '47 received Middlebury College Bicentennial Medals in recognition of their many contributions to the College and the community. Survivors in addition to his wife of 54 years include daughter Susan Trodella; sons Everett C. '71, G. Kenneth '73, and Ronald W. Perine; and eight grandchildren, including Kathryn Perine '03. Other Middlebury survivors include daughter-in-law Carolyn Leggett Perine '73, cousin J. Bradshaw Mintener '61, and niece Kristin Juergens-Sargent '80. He was predeceased by three brothers.

John W. Rumbold, 80, of Aurora, Ohio, on August 24, 2002. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was retired from International Technical Products in Aurora. Survivors include wife Jean (Culbertson); daughters Lynn Kincaid, Ann Nesbitt, Liz Fisler, and Laura Crow; nine grandchildren; and brothers James Rumbold and Charles S.B. Rumbold '40.

51 **Curtis B. Norris**, 75, of Norton, Mass., on September 30, 2002, of cancer. During World War II, he served in the Philippines with the Army Air Corps. He was the editor of the Wareham (Mass.) *Courier*, the medical science editor at Brown Univ., the director of public affairs at Stonehill College, and a staff columnist for the (Quincy) *Patriot Ledger* and the (Attleboro) *Sun Chronicle*. His "New England Mysteries" column appeared weekly until the last weeks of his life. He also wrote mystery books and anthologies. He is survived by wife Eileen (Schindler); daughters Katharine Norris, Suzanne Silvia, and Helen Spillane; and two sisters.

53 **Robert F. Van Beever**, 71, of Cape Coral, Fla., on August 31, 2002. Born in the Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia), he lived in Westport, Conn., from the 1960s until moving to Florida in 1998. With a doctorate in languages from Heiedelberg Univ. in Germany, he served in the U.S. Air Force (intelligence div.) during the Korean War. He later served as a private consultant in intelligence and security. Survivors include twin brothers Bert and Hank van Beever; daughters Sandra and Lisa; sons Kris, Eric, Michael, Seth, and Baird; and 18 grandchildren.

56 **George J. Ratte**, 68, of Worcester, Mass., on August 23, 2002. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he was a group claims examiner for 33 years at State Mutual, retiring in 1991. He worked 10 additional years for Chartwells at WPI. Active in Mohegan Council Boy Scouts of America, he also volunteered for the Little League and for the Michael G. Ratte Memorial Golf Tournament. Predeceased by son Michael in 1988, he leaves wife Ann (Coghlin), son Joseph E. Ratte, daughters Christine McSherry and Kathleen Lavelle, two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

59 **Barbara Freer Bocaz**, 64, of Tijeras, N.M., on May 17, 2002. With a master's in Spanish from Middlebury (1963), she taught Spanish at the Univ. of Colo., where she completed course work for a Ph.D. She was also a Spanish instructor at UVM. She is survived by husband Sergio Bocaz and daughter Kimberly Anne Bocaz.

60 **Paula R. Hartz**, 64, of Montclair, N.J., and Silver Bay, N.Y., on August 19, 2002. A free-lance writer and editor, she had also worked as a textbook writer and editor for Holt, Reinhardt & Winston Publishing Co. in NYC for many years. She was an avid painter and an active member of the Reformed Church of Highland Park, where she was a member of the choir and the consistory. Predeceased by her parents, Robert P. Hartz and Mary "Rachel" Barry Hartz, she is survived by many loving and close friends.

62 **Neil H. Potter**, 63, of Selinsgrove, Pa., on August 11, 2002, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. With a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College, a master's in chemistry from Middlebury, and a doctorate in chemistry from Penn State Univ., he had taught at Susquehanna Univ. since 1966. He promoted science to high school students through the Chemistry Road Show program. He leaves wife Jonica (Fox), two daughters, two sons, three stepsons, and two grandchildren.

Language Schools

49 **Eleanor Buist**, 86, M.A. Russian, of Hanover, N.H., on July 9, 2002. A senior reference librarian at Columbia Univ. Libraries, she specialized in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe.

50 **Bradley T. Perry**, 81, M.A. English, of New London, Conn., on June 29, 2002. He taught high school and college English.

55 **George C. Connor**, 81, M.A. English, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., on August 20, 2002. He was a Guerry Prof. Emeritus of English at the Univ. of Tenn. at Chattanooga.

Joan MacInnes Hollingsworth, 81, M.A. French, of Parkesburg, Pa., on July 20, 2002. She taught high school English and French.

67 **Gladys Ebersole Baldwin**, 99, French, of Lancaster, Pa., on July 29, 2002. She taught high school French and English.

68 **M. Martha Walsh**, 87, M.A. English, of Providence, R.I., on August 12, 2002. She taught English and physical education in the Providence school system.

75 **Evelyn Mae Wiegel**, 74, M.A. English, of Red Bank, N.J., on August 14, 2002. She was a teacher, organist, and choir director.

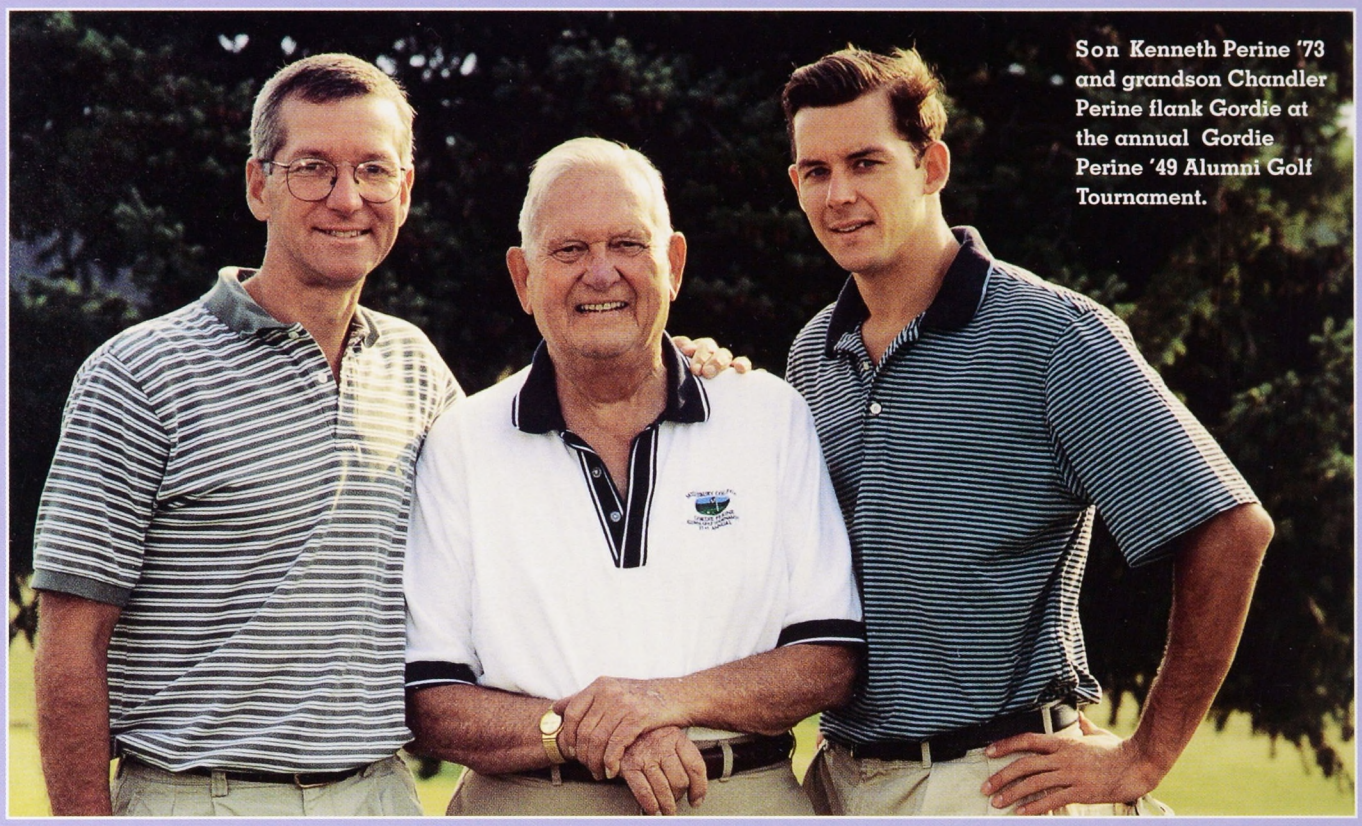
76 **Cynthia Duff Gofman**, 46, Russian, of Charlotte, N.C., on September 20, 2002. She was employed in the Russian section of the Library of Congress.

02 **Kristina A. Stahl**, 25, English, of Farmington, Conn., on September 11, 2002. A faculty member at the upper school at Kingswood-Oxford School in West Hartford, she also served as assistant coach for girls' soccer and lacrosse.

Staff

Mary Smyth Duffy, 46, of Orwell, Vt., on September 17, 2002, of congestive heart failure and complications following heart valve replacement surgery. At Middlebury, she was the coordinator of the political science department and became the director of the May Belle Chellis Women's Resource Center, or Chellis House. She was a tireless advocate of women's issues and progressive causes. With a degree in painting from Bard College and an MFA from Hunter College, she exhibited her paintings in Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts. She also taught art courses in various Vermont colleges. Survivors include husband David Bain, children Mimi and David, her parents, a sister, and a brother.

In Memoriam



Son Kenneth Perine '73 and grandson Chandler Perine flank Gordie at the annual Gordie Perine '49 Alumni Golf Tournament.

Gordon Condit Perine '49

November 4, 1921 - October 21, 2002

It's hard to believe he's gone. Gordie Perine has been such a strong and comforting presence in the Middlebury community for such a long time. Even since his so-called "retirement" in 1994, Gordie was never really absent, still staying in touch with generations of Middlebury alumni, still active in a myriad of Middlebury civic organizations.

Gordie entered Middlebury in February 1946 on the GI Bill, after serving in the Marine Corps for four years in the South Pacific. Marriage to Alice Neef '47 in June 1948 and graduation from Middlebury in 1949 led to a job in New York City. Little did he know this would be his only employment away from the College on the Hill.

The Marine Corps recalled him for the Korean Conflict in January 1951. Due to a knee injury sustained during maneuvers, he was headed for the hospital instead of "Heartbreak Ridge" and received a medical discharge in late October 1951. On November 1, 1951, he accepted a temporary job at Middlebury, and he stayed for 42 years.

He worked in admissions for five years, served as an alumni relations director for 20 years, and spent 17 years as a senior development officer. But that's to gloss things over too lightly.

When writing to President Stratton in the summer of 1951 to apply for a temporary job during Cap Wiley's absence, Gordie assessed himself modestly, saying simply, "I enjoy personal contact with people."

In his address during the celebration of Gordie's life on October 26, President John M. McCardell, Jr., aptly expressed the happy situation that evolved as Gordie progressed through the ranks at the College: "It is no exaggeration to say that the names of Wiley and Perine, linked forever in Gordie's initial letter of appointment, are the two names that also linked graduates of the College with alma mater over the course of most of the twentieth century. Indeed, so many of us are here today precisely because of that link, because Gordie cared so much about this College and also cared so much about its graduates."

President McCardell related a few of the legendary tales about Gordie's thousands of miles of travels, when he "shook thousands of hands, attended hours of meetings and receptions, and enjoyed—or, better, appeared to enjoy—every moment of it. Even the trying moments." In his last months, as Gordie's health declined, and he began to experience a reduction in lung capacity from pulmonary fibrosis, he continued to greet his many friends, asking how *they* were doing, inquiring about *their* families and *their* news, deflecting with typical modesty any questions about himself.

"And in that lay so much of what we so admired about Gordie Perine," said President McCardell in closing his remarks in Mead Chapel: "An exemplary selflessness that gave so much to so many for so long: to his family, to his church, to his community, to his College. One would search Gordie's sleeve in vain for evidence of his faith, his character, for he did not wear these things, he lived them. And his spirit, and his example, will live on in all those places and in all those people whose lives his warm presence touched."

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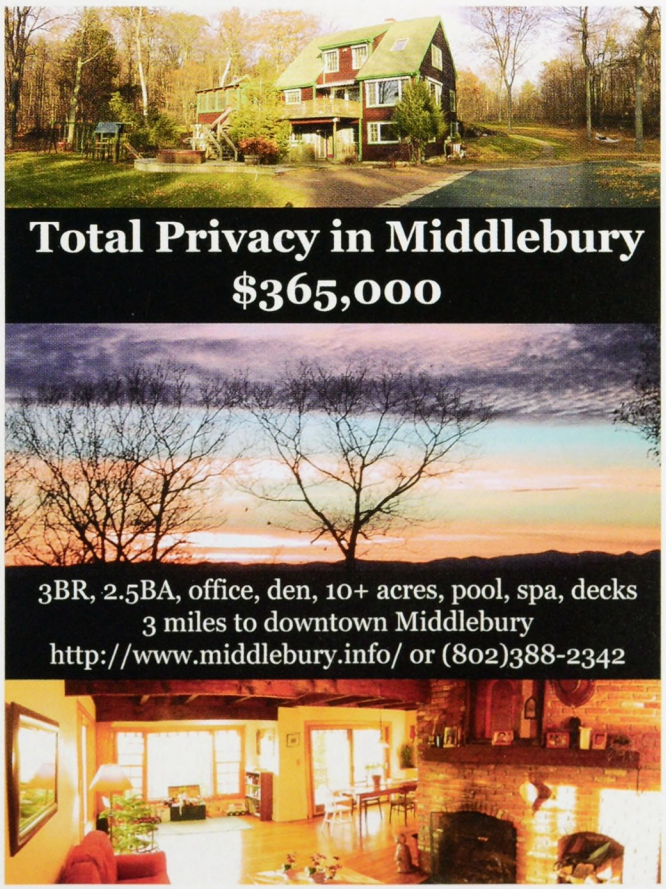
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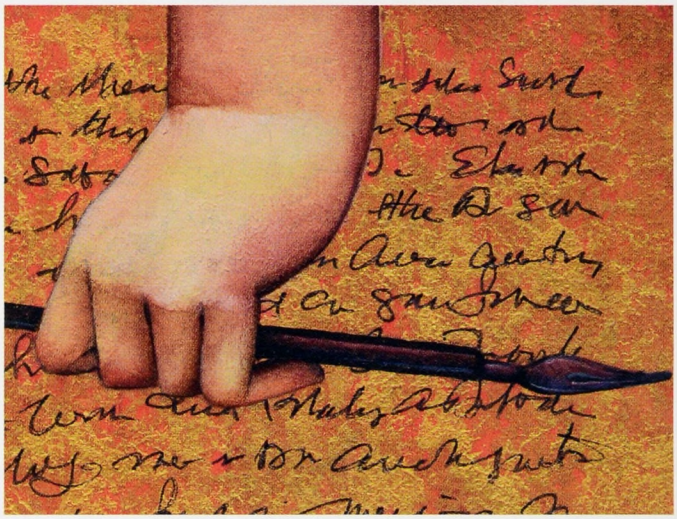
The Write Stuff

Sure it's easy to use e-mail. But that doesn't mean we have to stop writing letters.

By Mel Yoken, French '59, '63



OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, I've pored over the letters of such diverse luminaries as Harry Truman, H.L. Mencken, Toulouse-Lautrec, Robert Frost, Voltaire, E.B. White, and Theodore Roosevelt. As a professor of foreign literature and languages, and as a devotee of the written word, I have collected and admired personal letters for some time.

Not all of us manage to live lives of such celebrity or notoriety that our letters are bound and published in volumes appropriate for libraries or gift giving. But letters are a wonderful solace and even a potent catharsis for anyone.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said that when his writing was blocked, he would write a long letter to a dear friend. John Steinbeck, in writing *East of Eden,* extricated himself from the daily routine of writing books by composing a letter to his editor and close friend, Pascal Covici. These letters were in Steinbeck's words "a kind of arguing around for the story," but they also included valuable nuggets of information and fascinating comments and anecdotes for his friend about the events of the moment.

Think about your child's first scribbled note, love letters exchanged with a spouse, sparkling missives we sent our parents telling how much they meant to us, a note from a since deceased friend, or simply your sons' and daughters' succinct written requests for money from college, and the subsequent simple sincere "Thank You" jotted hastily on a piece of scrap paper. Spoken words grow dim; written words last forever.

There are other letters that I treasure in different, more private ways. These are the letters written to me by longtime friends, former teachers, colleagues, and family members, a number of whom are deceased. Over the years, I've kept every one of those missives, and I treasure them more than ever. Rereading them is like having a good postprandial tête-à-tête with the individual.

With e-mail and the cell phone so ubiquitous, and the recent anthrax scare so horrific, it is obvious that people don't seem—or want—to be writing many letters today. Yet no hurried e-mail or telephone conversation can replace thoughtful, caring, and intelligent written correspondence between two human beings.

Once upon a time, the only way to communicate from a distance was through the written word. Letters were essential then. And what about history? Most of our knowledge of people and events is based on epistolary communication. Think of Harry Truman's letters to Bess, Henry VIII's to Anne Boleyn, Napoleon's to Josephine, John Keats's to Fanny Brawne, and F. Scott Fitzgerald's to his daughter.

I could not have delved into the creative mind and perused the brilliant cogitations of John Steinbeck had he telephoned Covici. The letter writer par excellence, George Bernard Shaw, took great pride in delineating his thoughts via the missive. What if he had decided to telephone his friends and acquaintances instead of engaging in a civilized and enlightening exchange of letters?

A number of my students have told me, however, that they are derelict about writing letters, due to the fact that they expect themselves to create a masterpiece each time. I tell them that the recipient usually doesn't give a tinker's damn about the perfection of a letter or its style; he or she is usually delighted that an authentic handwritten letter has finally arrived. One of life's happy moments is indeed hearing someone say: "There's some important mail for you today." Yes, letters are indeed intended for keeps. They are for saving, rereading, and rethinking. Many make the heart leap with laughter, jubilation, and delight. So "reach out," find a pen, and write to someone today.

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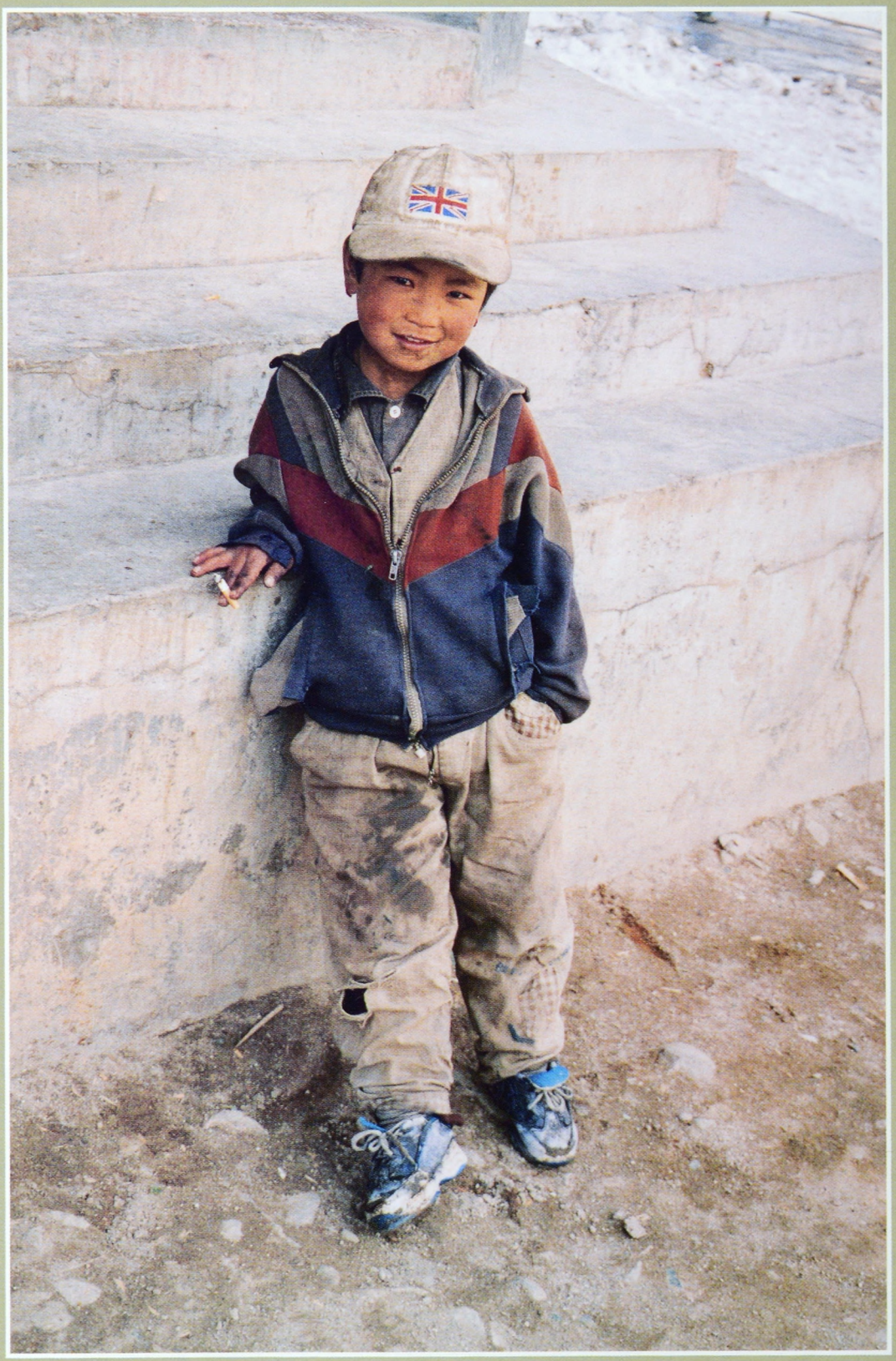

The Hard Truth UNIDENTIFIED CHILD, DINGRI, TIBET.

Minie Choi '03 had just arrived in the Tibet city of Dingri in the spring of 2002 when she spied this young boy curiously eyeing a group of American students walking down the street. It was only after photographing the boy that Choi realized he was smoking.

An accomplished photographer, Choi had several photos featured in this year's Study Abroad Photo Contest, including the contest winner, "Debating Monks." Select photos from the contest can be found at www.middlebury.edu/~sap/contest/contest2002.html.